

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of Laetare - The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19-26, 2021

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Psalm Psalm 43

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, March 19 - John 6:1-15

Monday, March 20 - John 2:13-25

Tuesday, March 21 - John 7:14-31a

Wednesday, March 22 - John 9:1-38

Thursday, March 23 - John 5:17-29

Friday, March 24 - John 11:1-45

Saturday, March 25 - John 8:12-20

Prayers

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may be mercifully relieved; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

Redeemer Lutheran Church	Warren Messman	Ed McClure
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod	Emily Walts	Kurt & Teresa Munderer
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Neeley Owen	Cynthia Ridley
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(The Revd) Lawrence Rast	Mark Crouch	John & Ele Sullivan
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Amanda Shemwell & Lucia Jane	Barbara Wieting	(The Revd Dr.) Daniel Reuning
Basil Casey	Barbara Johnston	Jane Casey
Warren Messman	Jean Brillinger	Nathaniel Pullmann
Dale Boenker	Larry & Sandy Stewart	Spencer Warehime
Judy Carter	Kelly Oliver	
Priscilla Brewer	Hope Matter	
Earl Elowsky	Brittney Petersen	
Alisha Grant	Amelia Laws	
Emma Kranz	Sarah Hill	
Juanita Hahn	Steve & Lucy Blakey	
	Hilda Blasing	
	Angie Crouch	
	Maureen DeLassus	
	Jean Dray	
	Rev. Winston Grieser	
	Madeleine & David	
	Herman	
	Russel Kaufman	
	Dawn Littles-El	

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

(Morning) I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Evening) I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Memory Work

The Catechism - Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

Where is this written?

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

Hymn of the Week *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* Stanza 2 (LSB 438)

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth my Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of your salvation."

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (*Psalms 23*)