

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of Exaudi
May 21 - May 27, 2023

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 68

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 21 - Ezekiel 36:23a, 23c-28

Monday, May 22 - 1 John 2

Tuesday, May 23 - 1 John 3

Wednesday, May 24 - John 15:26-16:4

Thursday, May 25 - 1 John 4

Friday, May 26 - 1 John 5

Saturday, May 27 - Luke 20:45-21:19

Prayers

Let us pray. O King of Glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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	Dawn Smith	Norma Jean Uffelmann
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod	Mark Crouch	Juanita Wasson
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Warren & Joan Messman	Kim Wieting	
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Priscilla Brewer	Hilda Blasing	
Alisha Grant	Angie Crouch	
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Juanita Hahn	Jean Dray	
Emily Walts	Rev. Winston Grieser	
Neeley Owen	Madeleine & David	
Eric Adkins	Herman	
	Russel Kaufman	
	Dawn Littles-El	
	Ed McClure	
	Cynthia Ridley	
	Heidi Sias	
	Dale Steinke	
	John & Ele Sullivan	
	Dick Tagtmeyer	

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 - Returning Thanks

Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say:

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. He gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. [Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9–11]

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of the Week *The Will of God Is Always Best, Stanza 4 (LSB 758)*

When life's brief course on earth is run
And I this world am leaving,
Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"
Your faithful Word believing.
My dearest Friend, I now commend
My soul into Your keeping;
From sin and hell,
And death as well,
By You the vict'ry reaping.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

For last week: In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (Romans 8:37)