

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of Whitsunday - The Feast of Pentecost

May 28 - June 3, 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 8

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 28 - Luke 21:20-38

Monday, May 29 - Luke 22:1-23

Tuesday, May 30 - Luke 22:24-46

Wednesday, May 31 - Luke 22:47-71

Thursday, June 1 - Luke 23:1-25

Friday, June 2 - Luke 23:26-56

Saturday, June 3 - Luke 24:1-27

Prayers

Let us pray. O God, who taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; 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	Dawn Smith	Norma Jean Uffelmann
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Alisha Grant	Angie Crouch	
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Juanita Hahn	Jean Dray	
Emily Walts	Rev. Winston Grieser	
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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 - The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Hymn of the Week *Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above* LSB 766 (stanza 1)

1. Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to you in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:16*)

For last 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*)