

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
July 16 - July 22, 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 47

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, July 16 - Galatians 4:12-31

Monday, July 17 - Galatians 5:1-26

Tuesday, July 18 - Galatians 6:1-18

Wednesday, July 19 - Acts 15:22-41

Thursday, July 20 - Acts 16:1-22

Friday, July 21 - Acts 16:23-40

Saturday, July 22 - Acts 18:1-11, 23-28

Prayers

Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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:

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| Redeemer Lutheran Church | Gene Daley | John & Ele Sullivan |
| The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod | Linda Church | Dick Tagtmeyer |
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| Barb Reuning | Angie Crouch | |
| Emily Walts | Maureen DeLassus | |
| Warren & Joan Messman | Jean Dray | |
| Judy Carter | Rev. Winston Grieser | |
| Priscilla Brewer | Juanita Hahn | |
| Alisha Grant | Madeleine & David | |
| Eric Adkins | Herman | |
| Mark Crouch | Russel Kaufman | |
| | Dawn Littles-El | |
| | Ed McClure | |
| | Kurt & Teresa | |
| | Mundinger | |
| | Neeley Owen | |
| | Cynthia Ridley | |
| | Heidi Sias | |
| | Dale Steinke | |

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 - The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Hymn of the Week: *Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above* LSB 766 (stanza 8)

From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever. I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. (Psalm 118:1-14)