

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of The Visitation
July 2 - July 8, 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 27

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, July 2 - Acts 10:34-48

Monday, July 3 - Acts 11:1-18

Tuesday, July 4 - Acts 11:19-30

Wednesday, July 5 - Acts 12:1-25

Thursday, July 6 - Acts 13:1-12

Friday, July 7 - Acts 13:13-41

Saturday, July 8 - Acts 13:42-52

Prayers

Let us pray. Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with 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	Neeley Owen	John & Ele Sullivan
The Lutheran Church-- Missouri Synod	Eric Adkins	Dick Tagtmeyer
(The Revd) President Matthew Harrison	Mark Crouch	Norma Jean Uffelman
(The Revd) Bishop Jamison Hardy	Gene Daley	Juanita Wasson
Concordia Theological Seminary	Linda Church	(The Revd) David H. Petersen
(The Revd) Lawrence Rast	Roxana & Dale Boenker	(The Revd Dr.) Daniel Reuning
Our Sister Churches	Milo & Nancy Osbun	(The Revd Dr.) Geoffrey Boyle
The United States of America	Barbara Wieting	The Revd) Matthew Wietfeldt
President Joseph Biden	Jean Brillinger	Jane Casey
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Traven Ferguson	Meghan Steffenson	
Nicholas Usher	Irene Keilani	
Barb Reuning	Isabel Scheltens	
Emily Walts	Kim Wieting	
Joel Ziegler	Bethany Kranz	
Kurt Munding	Steve & Lucy Blakey	
Warren & Joan Messman	Hilda Blasing	
Judy Carter	Angie Crouch	
Priscilla Brewer	Maureen DeLassus	
Alisha Grant	Jean Dray	
Juanita Hahn	Rev. Winston Grieser	
	Madeleine & David	
	Herman	
	Russel Kaufman	
	Dawn Littles-El	
	Ed McClure	
	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 Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Hymn of the Week : *Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above* LSB 766 (stanza 6)

Forgive our sins, Lord we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

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. (Psalm 118:1-9)