

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

## **A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer**

*For the week of The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
**September 17 - September 23, 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 86***

#### ***Recite Memory Work (see back page)***

#### ***Daily Readings***

Sunday, September 17 - 1 Kings 17:8-15

Monday, September 18 - Exodus 5:1-22

Tuesday, September 19 - Exodus 7:1-25

Wednesday, September 20 - Matthew 6:24-34

Thursday, September 21 - Exodus 11:1-12:28

Friday, September 22 - Exodus 12:29-51

Saturday, September 23 - Ephesians 3:13-21

## *Prayers*

Let us pray. O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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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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 Fifth Commandment***

#### **You shall not Murder.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

#### ***Hymn of the Week : Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*** LSB 627 stanza 4 & 5

Praise the Father, who from heaven  
To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death His only Son.

Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

#### ***Memory Verse for the Week***

*For this week:* Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. (1 John 3:15)

*For last week:* Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. (Proverbs 23:22)