

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 8 - October 14, 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 78

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, October 8 - Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Monday, October 9 - Exodus 20:1-26

Tuesday, October 10 - Exodus 26:1-37

Wednesday, October 11 - Matthew 22:34-46

Thursday, October 12 - Exodus 27:1-21

Friday, October 13 - Exodus 32:1-35

Saturday, October 14 - Ephesians 4:22-28

Prayers

Let us pray. O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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	Roxana & Dale Boenker	John & Ele Sullivan
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Curtis Holt	Maureen DeLassus	Conner Walts
Jean Dray	Juanita Hahn	
Warren & Joan Messman	David & Madeline Herman	
	The Koons family	
	Gay Kuhn	
	Ed McClure	
	Kurt & Teresa Munding	
	Milo & Nancy Osburn	
	Cynthia Ridley	
	Heidi Sias	
	Allen Spencer	
	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 Eighth Commandment:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Hymn of the Week : *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* LSB 627 stanza 10

Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. (*Psalm 1:1-4*)