

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the week of The Third Sunday in Advent
December 17-23, 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 24

Recite Memory Work (see back page)

Daily Readings

Sunday, December 17 - Matthew 11:2-10

Monday, December 18 - Isaiah 40:1-8

Tuesday, December 19 - 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Wednesday, December 20 - Luke 1:26-38a

Thursday, December 21 - John 20:24-29

Friday, December 22 - Luke 1:39-47

Saturday, December 23 - Luke 3:1-6

Prayers

Lord, we beseech You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; who lives and reigns with the Father 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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Church
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Missouri Synod
(The Revd) President
Matthew Harrison
(The Revd) Bishop Jami-
son Hardy
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Seminary
(The Revd) Lawrence
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Savanna Schneider
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Nathaniel Pullmann
Harvey Peters
Peter Pohlod
Spencer Warehime
Conner Walts

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 Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death...

Hymn of the Week : *Of the Father's Love Begotten Stanzas 4 & 5 LSB 384*

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

Memory Verse for the Week

For this week: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (*Galatians 4:4-5*)

For last week: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*)