

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

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

*For the week of Easter*  
**March 31 - April 6, 2024**

### **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 81***

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

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

Sunday, March 31 - Mark 16:1-8

Monday, April 1 - Luke 24:13-35

Tuesday, April 2 - Luke 24:36-47a

Wednesday, April 3 - John 21:1-14

Thursday, April 4 - John 20:11-18

Friday, April 5 - Matthew 28:16-20

Saturday, April 6 - John 20:1-9

## *Prayers*

Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, 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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	Milo & Nancy Osbun	
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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 Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer:*

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among

**Hymn of the Week :** *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* 1st Stanza

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,  
for our offenses given;  
but now at God's right hand He stands  
and brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
and sing to God right thankfully  
loud songs of alleluia!  
Alleluia!

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

*Review:*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. *Matthew 6:33*

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?  
*Luke 11:13*

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

### **For Quasimodogeniti - The First Sunday after Easter**

Old Testament: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Epistle: *1 John 5:4-10*

Gospel: *John 20:19-31*

Hymn of the Day: *O Sons and Daughters of the King* LSB 470