

# **The Congregation at Prayer**

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of Judica*  
**March 17 - 23, 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 22***

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

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

Sunday, March 17 - John 4:46-59a

Monday, March 18 - John 7:32b-39a

Tuesday, March 19 - John 7:1-13

Wednesday, March 20 - John 10:22-38

Thursday, March 21 - John 7:40-53

Friday, March 22 - John 11:47-54

Saturday, March 23 - John 17:1-26

## *Prayers*

Let us pray. We beseech You, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer*

#### **Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

#### ***Hymn of the Week :*** *Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle* 8th & 9th Stanzas

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!  
Thy relaxing sinews bend;  
For awhile the ancient rigor  
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;  
And the King of heavenly beauty  
On thy bosom gently tend!

Thou alone wast counted worthy  
This world's ransom to sustain,  
That a shipwrecked race forever  
Might a port of refuge gain,  
With the sacred blood anointed  
Of the Lamb for sinners slain.

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

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

*For last week:* 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*

#### ***For Palmarum, The Sixth Sunday in Lent 24 March 2024***

Old Testament: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Epistle: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 26:1-27:66*

Hymn of the Day: *The Royal Banners Forward Go* LW 103