

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Devotion and Prayer

Read, pray and confess out loud as much from the order of devotion and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week. This can be used with Daily Prayer for individuals and families found on LSB pg 294-298 or a daily office such as Matins or Vespers found on LSB pg 219-259.

The Order for Devotion and Prayer

Beginning Sunday, September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Verse of the Week— Luke 12:15

Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 27

Hymn of the Week—LSB 903 "This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard — Matthew 20:1-16	
Mon.	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist — Matthew 9:9-13	Eph. 4:7-16
Tues.	The Priestly Blessing — Numbers 6:22-27	Heb. 9:23-28
Wed.	The Second Passover — Numbers 9:1-14	Heb. 10:1-10
Thur.	A Pillar of Cloud by Day and Fire by Night — Numbers 9:15-23	Heb. 10:11-18
Fri.	The Levites Are Called to Serve as Priests — Num. 10:11-14, 29-36	Heb. 10:19-25
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle — Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Phil. 2:1-18

The Catechism

<i>Ninth Commandment</i> You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.	3rd Grade+
<i>Tenth Commandment</i> You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant of maid-servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You, relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the Resurrection; for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for our schools, our home schools, our colleges and seminaries; for good government and peace.
- Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.
- Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
- Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ and His Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.
- Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for its spread throughout the whole world; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.
- Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ's holy gifts; for receptive hearts and minds on the Lord's Day.

In Our Prayers This Week (Personal and/or Congregational Prayers)

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism (LSB pg. 327)

Closing

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.