

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, December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday in Advent

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Psalm 51:5

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

Psalm of the week—Psalm 146

Hymn of the Week—LSB 354 “Arise, O Christian People”

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord — Matt 3:1-12	
Mon.	Gabriel Appears to Zachariah— Luke 1:5-25	Daniel 9:20-27
Tues.	The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Wed.	Advent Midweek—1 John 4:1-21	
Thur.	The Visitation—Luke 1:39-56	1 Samuel 2:1-11
Fri.	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-66	Lev. 26:40-45
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle— Judges 6:36-40	Eph. 4:7, 11-16

The Catechism

<i>The Fifth Petition</i> And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.	3rd Grade+
<i>The Sixth Petition</i> And lead us not into temptation	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father 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.