

# 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, May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **Invocation**

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

**Verse of the Week**— Proverbs 22:1

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.”

**Psalm of the week**—Psalm 66

**Hymn of the Week**—LSB 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

### **Readings of the Week**

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Shepherd Knows the Sheep— John 10:22-30	
Mon.	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas’ Office— Acts 1:12-26	Isaiah 52:7-10
Tues.	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13	Genesis 11:1-9
Wed.	Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel —Acts 2:14-21	Isaiah 43:5-13
Thurs.	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36	Ps. 68:18-20, 32-35
Fri.	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Isaiah 58:1-9
Sat.	Sunday’s Acts and Epistle— Acts 11:1-18	Rev 21:1-7

### **The Catechism**

<i>The Eighth Commandment</i> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.	5th Grade+

## **Apostle's Creed**

### **Prayers**

#### *Collect for the week*

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.