

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, February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Psalm 51:17

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise."

Psalm of the week—Psalm 15

Hymn of the Week—LSB 395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Beatitudes — Matthew 5:1-12	
Mon.	The Presentation of Our Lord: Luke 2:22-40	
	Judah Intercedes For Benjamin— Gen. 44:18-45:3	John 7:25-31
Tues.	Joseph Forgives His Brothers— Genesis 45:4-28	John 7:32-36
Wed.	Jacob Journeys to Egypt to See Joseph—Gen. 46:1-27	John 7:37-8:1
Thur.	Jacob Settles in the Land of Goshen—Gen. 46:28-47:12	John 8:2-12
Fri.	Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons—Genesis 47:27-48:21	John 8:13-20
Sat.	Sunday's Acts and Epistle—Isaiah 58:3-9	1 Cor. 2:1-16

The Catechism

<i>Third Petition</i> Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> 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 us also.	3rd Grade+
<i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.