

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 7, 2025 – Second Sunday in Advent

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— 1 Timothy 6:8, 10a

“But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”

Psalm of the week—Psalm 72

Hymn of the Week—LSB 359 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord — Matt 3:1-12	
Mon.	Esau Comes to Meet Jacob— Genesis 32:1-21	John 5:24-30
Tues.	Jacob Wrestles with God—Genesis 32:22-32	John 5:31-47
Wed.	Advent Midweek—1 John 3:1-24	
Thur.	Jacob and Esau Meet—Genesis 33:1-11	John 6:1-14
Fri.	Jacob Returns to Bethel—Genesis 35:1-15	John 6:15-21
Sat.	Sunday’s OT and Epistle— Isaiah 35:1-10	James 5:7-11

The Catechism

<i>The Fourth Petition</i> Give us this day our daily bread.	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>What is meant by daily bread?</i> Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.