

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, July 12, 2026 – Seventh 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 12:31-32

Seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 65:9-13

Hymn of the Week—LSB 577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Sower and the Seed — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
Mon.	The Purpose of Parables— Matthew 13:10-23	Isaiah 33:17-24
Tues.	The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares— Matthew 13:24-35	Isaiah 34:1-4, 8
Wed.	Parables of the Kingdom—Matthew 13:36-58	Isaiah 35:1-10
Thur.	John the Baptist Is Beheaded—Matthew 14:1-13	Isaiah 36:13-22
Fri.	The Feeding of the 5,000—Matthew 14:14-21	Isaiah 37:1-37
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Isaiah 44:6-8	Rom. 8:18-27

The Catechism

<i>The Second Petition</i> Thy kingdom come.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.	3rd Grade+
<i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.