

# 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, November 17, 2024 – Twenty-sixth 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 103

**Hymn of the Week**—LSB 508 “The Day is Surely Drawing Near”

#### **Readings of the Week**

|        | Bible Narrative   | Second Reading   |
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| Sun.   | The Destruction of the Temple is Predicted—Mark 13:1-13 |                  |
| Mon.   | Elisha and the Water from Edom—2 Kings 3:1-27           | 1 Corin. 7:1-24  |
| Tues.  | Elisha and the Widow’s Oil—2 Kings 4:1-7                | 1 Corin. 7:25-40 |
| Wed.   | Elisha Raises the Shunammite’s Son—2 Kings 4:8-37       | 1 Corin. 8:1-13  |
| Thurs. | Elijah Feeds His People—2 Kings 4:38-44                 | 1 Corin. 9:1-27  |
| Fri.   | Elisha and the Floating Axehead—2 Kings 6:1-7           | 1 Corin. 10:1-22 |
| Sat.   | Sunday’s Revelation and Epistle—Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14    | Revelation 1:4-8 |

#### **The Catechism**

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| <i>The Second Petition</i><br>Thy Kingdom Come.  | 1st<br>Grade+ |
| <i>What does this mean?</i><br>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<br>Grade+ |
| <i>How does God’s kingdom come?</i><br>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. | 5th<br>Grade+ |

## **Apostle's Creed**

### **Prayers**

#### *Collect for the week*

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.