

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 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Psalm 51:1

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions."

Psalm of the week—Psalm 98

Hymn of the Week—LSB 487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Promise of the Holy Spirit— John 16:12-22	
Mon.	The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus— Luke 3:1-38	Eccl. 1:1-18
Tues.	The Temptation of Our Lord—Luke 4:1-15	Eccl. 2:1-26
Wed.	Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth —Luke 4:16-30	Eccl. 3:1-22
Thurs.	The Signs of the Messiah—Luke 4:31-44	Eccl. 4:1-16
Fri.	Jesus Calls Fishers of Men—Luke 5:1-11	Eccl. 5:1-20
Sat.	Sunday's Acts and Epistle— Acts 16:9-15	Rev 21:9-27

The Catechism

<i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.	3rd Grade+
<i>What sins should we confess?</i> Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.	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.