

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 20, 2025 – 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— Acts 2:42

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Psalm of the week—Psalm 84

Hymn of the Week—LSB 536 “One Thing’s Needful”

Readings of the Week

| | Bible Narrative | Second Reading |
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| Sun. | Mary and Martha— Luke 10:38-42 | |
| Mon. | A Man with Dropsy Is Healed on the Sabbath— Luke 14:1-14 | Lam. 3:19-33 |
| Tues. | St. Mary Magdalene —John 20:1-2, 10-18 | Prov. 31:10-31 |
| Wed. | The Parable of the Great Supper—Luke 14:15-35 | Lam. 3:55-66 |
| Thurs. | The Parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10 | Lam. 5:1-9, 15-22 |
| Fri. | St. James the Elder —Acts 11:27-12:5 | Mark 10:35-45 |
| Sat. | Sunday’s OT and Epistle— Genesis 18:17-33 | Col. 2:6-19 |

The Catechism

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| <i>Third Commandment</i> Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy | 1st Grade+ |
| <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. | 3rd Grade+ |

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through 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.