

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, March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— John 6:40

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 4

Hymn of the Week—LSB 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	Jesus Cleanses the Temple—John 2:13-25	
Mon.	People Crave Meat—Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34	1 Corin. 11:27-34
Tues.	The Feeding of the Five Thousand—John 6:1-21	1 Corin. 5:6-13
Wed.	Lent: The Lord Gives the Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:1-21	Matthew 5:17-20
Thurs.	Jesus Is the Bread of Heaven—John 6:22-44	Hebrews 9:11-22
Fri.	Jesus Is Rejected by His Own—John 6:47-69	2 John 1:7-11
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle— Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10

The Catechism

<i>The Third Petition</i> Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.	3rd Grade+
<i>How is God's will done?</i> God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.	

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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.