

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, January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Ephesians 4:24

Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 66

Hymn of the Week—LSB 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Baptism of Jesus—Mark 1:4-11	
Mon.	The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17	Isaiah 42:1-9
Tues.	Behold the Lamb of God—John 1:19-34	Lev. 16:21-24
Wed.	Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night—John 3:1-16	Numbers 21:4-9
Thurs.	The Confession of St. Peter—Mark 8:27-35	2 Peter 1:1-15
Fri.	The Pool of Bethesda—John 5:1-15	Isaiah 35:3-10
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1 Corinth. 7:29-35

The Catechism

<i>What does such baptizing with water indicate?</i> It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.	3rd Grade+
<i>Where is this written?</i> St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)	5th Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.