

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 21, 2024 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Romans 8:15-16

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 77

Hymn of the Week—LSB 646 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	Jesus Calls the First Disciples—Mark 1:14-20	
Mon.	Noah and the Flood—Genesis 6:5-19, 7:11-23	Isaiah 54:4-10
Tues.	Noah and the Flood—Genesis 8:1, 15-22, 9:1-17	1 Peter 3:18-22
Wed.	The Red Sea—Exodus 13:17-14:31	Psalm 106:1-12
Thurs.	St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor —Acts 16:1-5 Israel Crosses the Jordan—Joshua 1:1-2, 10-11; 3:1-17	Mark 1:1-15
Fri.	The Conversion of St. Paul —Acts 9:1-22 Naaman’s Leprosy Is Cleansed—2 Kings 5:11-14	Titus 3:3-8
Sat.	St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor —Titus 1:1-9 Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinth. 8:1-13

The Catechism

<i>The Introduction</i> Our Father who art in heaven.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend us; 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.