

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, December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday in Advent

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— 1 Corinthians 12:13

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 50:1-15

Hymn of the Week—LSB 347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	John the Baptist Prepares the Way—Mark 1:1-8	
Mon.	Gabriel Appears to Zachariah—Luke 1:5-25	Daniel 9:20-27
Tues.	The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38	2 Sam. 7:1-17
Wed.	Advent: Boaz Receives the Right of Redemption from the Near Kinsman—Ruth 4:13-20	Hebrews 11:32-40
Thurs.	The Visitation—Luke 1:39-56	Micah 5:2-5
Fri.	The Nativity of St John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-66	Isaiah 40:1-11
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thess. 5:16-24

The Catechism

<i>How can water do such great things?</i> Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)	5th Grade+
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Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; 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.