

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, September 21, 2025 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Matthew 6:33

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Psalm of the week—Psalm 119:9-16

Hymn of the Week—LSB 596 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Parable of the Unjust Steward—Luke 16:1-15	
Mon.	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist —Matthew 9:9-13	Ephesians 4:7-16
Tues.	Ahab Covets Naboth’s Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16	James 4:1-10
Wed.	The Fall of Man into Sin—Genesis 3:1-8	Romans 7:7-13
Thurs.	Confess Christ, Take Up Your Cross, Follow Him—Matt. 10:32-39	Heb 13:1-6
	The Rich Young Ruler—Mark 10:17-31	
Fri.	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Amos 6:1-7	Phil 3:7-12

The Catechism

<i>Ninth Commandment</i> You shall not steal.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.	3rd Grade+
<i>Tenth Commandment</i> You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father 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.