

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, February 22, 2026 – First 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 6:35

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

Psalm of the week—Psalm 31

Hymn of the Week—LSB 418 “o Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Temptation of Our Lord — Matthew 4:1-11	
Mon.	Plagues— Exodus 8:1-10, 13-25, 32; 9:1-35; 10:3-29	John 10:1-6
Tues.	St. Matthias, Apostle: Acts 1:15-26	Matt. 11:25-30
Wed.	Midweek —Genesis 1:1-2:2	Gen. 22:1-18
Thur.	The Passover Is Instituted—Exodus 12:1-14	John 10:16-21
Fri.	The Death of the Firstborn—Exodus 12:21-30	John 10:22-31
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Genesis 12:1-9	Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17

The Catechism

<i>Sixth Petition</i> And lead us not into temptation.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.