

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 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Invocation

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

Verse of the Week— Romans 14:1-12

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 103

Hymn of the Week—LSB 786 "Lord of All Good"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	Parable of the Unmerciful Servant — Matthew 18:21-35	
Mon.	Holy Cross Day— John 12:20-33	1 Corin. 1:18-35
Tues.	The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu— Leviticus 10:1-7	Heb. 7:20-28
Wed.	The Day of Atonement—Leviticus 16:1-22, 34	Heb. 8:1-13
Thur.	The Lord Commands a Census of Israel—Numbers 1:1-19, 45-54	Heb. 9:1-10
Fri.	The Levites Are Called to Serve as Priests—Numbers 3:1-16	Heb. 9:11-22
Sat.	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Genesis 50:15-21	Rom. 14:1-12

The Catechism

<i>Seventh 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 take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.	3rd Grade+
<i>Eighth 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 tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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.