

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, July 19, 2026 – Eighth 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 13:41-42

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Psalm of the week—Psalm 119:57-64

Hymn of the Week—LSB 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Readings of the Week

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sun.	The Parable of Tares and Wheat — Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43	
Mon.	Jesus Walks on Water— Matthew 13:10-23	Isaiah 39:1-8
Tues.	Out of Man's Heart Proceed Evil Thoughts— Matt. 13:24-35	Isaiah 40:1-11
Wed.	St. Mary Magdalene—John 20:1-2, 10-18 A Canaanite Woman Trusts Jesus—Matthew 15:21-31	Isaiah 40:25-31
Thur.	The Feeding of the 4,000—Matthew 15:32-39	Isaiah 41:8-20
Fri.	The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign—Matt. 16:1-23	Isaiah 42:1-13
Sat.	St. James the Elder, Apostle—Acts 11:27-12:5 Sunday's OT and Epistle—Deuteronomy 7:6-9	Rom. 8:28-39

The Catechism

<i>The First Petition</i> Hallowed be Thy name.	1st Grade+
<i>What does this mean?</i> God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.	3rd Grade+
<i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!	3rd Grade+

Apostle's Creed

Prayers

Collect for the week

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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.