

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, March 29 (*Lent 5/Judica*)

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation 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.*

### Invocation

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

### Psalm of the Week: 75

### Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9

[Jesus said,] "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Catechism: Commandments 4-10 (primary texts); Table of Duties—Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4

*As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household*

<b>4. Honor your father and your mother.</b>	Pre+
<b>5. You shall not murder.</b>	Pre+
<b>6. You shalt not commit adultery.</b>	Pre+
<b>7. You shall not steal.</b>	Pre+
<b>8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</b>	Pre+
<b>9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</b>	Pre+
<b>10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</b>	Pre+
1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.	1st+
2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.	2nd+
3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.	3rd+
4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.	4th+

## Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Sun	<b>Lent 5: "Before Abraham Was, I AM"</b> —John 8:42-59	
Mon	Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-27	Lam. 3:19-33
Tue	Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40	Isaiah 52:4-10
Wed	<b>Midweek Passion: The King Is Crucified</b> —Matthew 27:32-56	Psalms 69:16-21
Thu	Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24	Psalms 22
Fri	Jesus Side Is Pierced—John 19:25-42	Is 52:13—53:12
Sat	Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-9	Phil. 2:5-11

### Devotional Reading

(Portals of Prayer, Higher Things Daily Devotion)

**Hymn: LSB 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (stanzas 1 and 5)**

### Apostles' Creed

### Collect for Judica

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 at St. John**— See the Sunday Service Folder & Prayer Chain

### Lord's Prayer

**Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**