

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

beginning Sunday, April 26 (*Easter 3/Misericordia Domini*)

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: 77

Verse: John 11:25-26a

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ^{26a} And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

Catechism: Ten Commandments—4-10 (Primary Texts);

Table of Duties—To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

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

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Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22)	3rd+
[This is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.]* They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. (1 Peter 3:5-6)	1st+

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 nd Reading
Sun	Easter 3: "I Am the Good Shepherd"—John 10:11-16	
Mon	A Man Born Blind Receives His Sight—John 9:1-12	Isaiah 45:15-21
Tue	Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man—John 9:13-34	Isaiah 45:22-25

Wed	Jesus Is the True Shepherd—John 9:35—10:6	Isaiah 48:12-21
Thu	Jesus Is the Good Shepherd—John 10:7-21	Zeph 3:14-20
Fri	The Shepherd Knows the Sheep—John 10:22-42	Isaiah 26:1-12
Sat	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles: John 14:1-14	

Devotional Reading (Portals of Prayer, Higher Things Daily Devotion)

Hymn: 486 "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death" (stanzas 1-2)

Apostles' Creed

Collect for Misericordia Domini

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 at St. John— See the Sunday Service Folder & Prayer Chain

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