

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, May 10 (*Easter 5/Cantate*)

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Invocation

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

Psalm of the Week: 79

Verse: Mark 10:45

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Catechism: Ten Commandments—1-10 (Primary Texts); Table of Duties—To Workers of All Kinds: Ephesians 6:5-8

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

1. You shall have no other gods.	Pre+
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Pre+
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	Pre+
4. Honor your father and your mother.	Pre+
5. You shall not murder.	Pre+
6. You shall not commit adultery.	Pre+
7. You shall not steal.	Pre+
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9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	Pre+
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.	Pre+
5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.	1st+
6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.	2nd+
7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,	3rd+
8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Ephesians 6:5-8)	4th+

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 nd Reading
Sun	Easter 5: The Ministry of the Holy Spirit—John 16:5-15	
Mon	The Father Will Give the Spirit of Truth—John 14:15-24	Jeremiah 31:10-14
Tue	Jesus Goes to the Father—John 14:23-31	1 Chronicles 16:8-13

Wed	Jesus Is the True Vine—John 15:1-8	1 Chronicles 16:14-22
Thu	Love and the Hatred of the World—John 15:9-25	1 Chronicles 16:23-30
Fri	The Comforter in Persecution—John 15:26—16:4	1 Chronicles 16:31-36
Sat	Easter 6: The Fiery Serpents—Numbers 21:4-9	1 Timothy 2:1-6

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

Hymn: LSB 526 “You are the Way; through You Alone” (stanzas 1-3)

Apostles’ Creed

Collect for Cantate

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.*

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