

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, May 24 (*Easter 7/Exaudi*)

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: 81

Verse: Philippians 1:21

For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

Catechism: Ten Commandments—1-10 (Primary Texts);

Table of Duties— To Widows: 1 Timothy 5:5-6; To Everyone: Romans 13:9; 1 Timothy 2:1

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 shalt not commit adultery.	Pre+
7. You shall not steal.	Pre+
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	Pre+
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+
<i>TO WIDOWS:</i> 5 The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.	3rd+
6 But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. (1 Timothy 5:5-6)	4th+
<i>TO EVERYONE:</i> The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Romans 13:9)	1st+
I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. (1 Timothy 2:1)	2nd+

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 nd Reading
Sun	Easter 7: The Coming Persecution—John 15:26—16:4	
Mon	Memorial Day: Luke 13:1-9	Romans 8:31-39
Tue	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13	Genesis 11:1-9
Wed	Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21	Isaiah 43:5-13
Thu	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36	Ps. 68:18-20, 32-35
Fri	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Isaiah 58:1-2, 6-9
Sat	Pentecost: The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21

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

Hymn: LSB 494 “See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” (stanzas 1 and 4)

Apostles’ Creed

Collect for Exaudi

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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