

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, June 21 (Trinity 2)

*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: 83

### Verse: Ephesians 2:19-20

You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

### Catechism: Christian Questions with Their Answers—What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently? But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

**First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.**

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

**To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.**

**Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.**

**Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.**

	Bible Narrative	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Sun	<b>Trinity 2:</b> The Great Feast—Luke 14:15-24	
Mon	Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant—Matthew 8:5-13	
Tue	Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-law—Matthew 8:14-22	
Wed	Jesus Stills the Storm—Matthew 8:23-27	
Thu	<b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist:</b> Luke 1:57-80	
	Two Demon-Possessed Men Are Healed—Matthew 8:28-34	

Fri	Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8	
Sat	Matthew the Tax Collector—Matthew 9:9-13	1 Tim 1:12-17

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

### Hymn: LSB 510 “A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

### Apostles’ Creed

### Collect for Trinity 2

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### 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