

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, July 5 (*Trinity 4*)

*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: 85

### Verse: Romans 12:14-15

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

### Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – Fifth Petition

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

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition

that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins,  
or deny our prayer because of them.

We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray,  
nor have we deserved them,  
but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace,  
for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.  
So we too will sincerely forgive  
and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

### Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Sun	<b>Trinity 4:</b> "Be merciful. . ." – Luke 6:36-42	
Mon	Jesus Preaches Repentance and Faith – Matthew 11:20-30	
Tue	Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath – Matthew 12:1-8	
Wed	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath – Matthew 12:9-21	
Thu	A House Divided Cannot Stand – Matthew 12:22-32	
Fri	A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit – Matthew 12:33-50	
Sat	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed – Matthew 13:1-9	1 Cor. 1:18-25

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

Hymn: LSB 696 "O God, My Faithful God"

## Apostles' Creed

### Collect for Trinity 4

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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