

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, July 12 (Trinity 5)

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: 86

### Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Catechism: The Office of the Keys

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

<p><i>What is the Office of the Keys?</i> The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.</p>	1st+	<p>Sunday: <i>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.</i></p> <p>Monday: <i>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.</i></p> <p>Tuesday: <i>For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.</i></p>
<p><i>Where is this written?</i> This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: <b>The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them; they are not forgiven."</b></p>	2nd+	<p>Wednesday: <i>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.</i></p> <p>Thursday: <i>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.</i></p>
<p><i>What do you believe according to these words?</i> I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.</p>	3rd+	<p>Friday: <i>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.</i></p> <p>Saturday: <i>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.</i></p> <p><b>In Our Prayers at St. John— See the Sunday Service Folder &amp; Prayer Chain</b></p>

### Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Sun	<b>Trinity 5:</b> "I will make you fishers of men. . ." Luke 5:1-11	
Mon	The Purpose of Parables – Matt. 13:10-23	
Tue	The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares – Matt. 13:24-35	
Wed	Parables of the Kingdom - Matt. 13:36-46	
Thu	The Parable of the Dragnet – Matt. 13:47-58	

Fri	John the Baptist Is Beheaded – Matt. 14:1-13	
Sat	The Feeding of the 5,000 – Matt. 14:14-21	Rom. 6:1-11

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

### Hymn: LSB 688 "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

### Apostles' Creed

### Collect for Trinity 5

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

### Lord's Prayer

### Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism