

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, July 26 (Trinity 7)

*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: 88

### Verse: Romans 6:22-23

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Catechism: The Second Article of the Creed

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

<b>And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.</b>	Pre+
<i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,	1st+
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.	2nd+

## Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Sun	<b>Trinity 7:</b> Feeding of the 4,000 – Mark 8:1-9	
Mon	Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me – Mt. 16:24-28	Isaiah 44:2-8
Tue	The Transfiguration – Mt. 17:1-13	Isaiah 44:9-23
Wed	A Boy Is Healed – Mt. 17:14-21	Isaiah 44:24-28
Thu	Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection – Mt. 17:22-27	Isaiah 45:1-13
Fri	Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven – Mt. 18:1-14	Isaiah 45:14-25
Sat	If Your Brother Sins – Mt. 18:15-22	Isaiah 46:1-13

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

### Hymn: LSB 819 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

### Apostles’ Creed

### Collect for Trinity 7

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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