

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, August 2 (*Trinity 8*)

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 $\cdot\text{I}\cdot$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm of the Week: 89

Verse: Matthew 7:15-16a

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – First Petition

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

Hallowed be Thy name.	Pre+
<i>What does this mean?</i> God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.	2nd+
<i>How is God's name kept holy?</i> God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!	3rd+

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 nd Reading
Sun	Trinity 8: "Beware of False Prophets"—Matthew 7:15-23	
Mon	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant—Matthew 18:21-35	
Tue	Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce—Matthew 19:1-12	
Wed	Jesus Blesses the Children—Matthew 19:13-15	
Thu	The Rich Young Ruler—Matthew 19:16-30	
Fri	The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—Mt 20:1-16	
Sat	Jesus Predicts His Passion a Third Time—Matthew 20:17-28	

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

Hymn: LSB 745 "In God, My Faithful God"

Apostles' Creed

Collect for Trinity 8

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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