

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, August 9 (*Trinity 9*)

*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: 90

### Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

### Catechism: The Lord's Prayer - Sixth Petition

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

<b>And lead us not into temptation.</b>	Pre+
<i>What does this mean?</i> God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.	3rd+

### Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Sun	<b>Trinity 9:</b> The Unjust Steward – Luke 16:1-13	
Mon	Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight – Matthew 20:29-34	
Tue	Jesus Cleanses the Temple – Matthew 21:12-17	
Wed	The Fruitless Fig Tree – Matthew 21:18-27	
Thu	The Parable of the Two Sons – Matthew 21:28-32	
Fri	The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers – Matthew 21:33-46	
Sat	The Parable of the Wedding Feast – Matthew 22:1-14	
	<b>St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord:</b> Luke 1:46-55	

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

**Hymn: LSB 730 "What is the World to Me"**

## Apostles' Creed

### Collect for Trinity 9

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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**