

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Tenth Sunday After Trinity
August 5-11, 2018

Order of Meditation & Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart, as you are able, the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

Verse (Learn by heart) We also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. *Romans 8:23-25*

Psalm 55: Read this Psalm **out loud** each day and/or one of the Psalm from the **Daily list:** 17; 88; 74; 81; 5; 58; 119:153-168

The Catechism (Learn by Heart): Table of Duties: Husbands & Wives

What does God say to husbands?

Likewise you husbands, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers not be hindered. *1 Peter 3:7*

Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. *Colossians 3:19*

What does God say to wives?

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:22*

... as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are as long as you do good and are not afraid with any terror. *1 Peter 3:6*

Catechism Hymn: ELH 488, I Am, Alone, Your God and Lord, st. 1 & 10

Daily Readings from the Bible and from Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

Smalcald Articles

2nd Edition: pp. 272-281

1st Edition: pp. 298-307

M. III 1-14

T. 15-26

W. 27-40

T. 41 – VI 5

F. VII 1 – VIII 13

Daily Bible Readings

M. 1 Kings 9:1-28; Galatians 2:1-21

T. 1 Kings 10:1-29; Galatians 3:1-14

W. 1 Kings 11:1-43; Galatians 4:8-20

T. 1 Kings 12:1-33; Galatians 5:1-15

F. 1 Kings 13:1-34; Galatians 6:11-18

S. 1 Kings 14:1-31; Ephesians 6:1-9

Collect for the Week (pray every day)

Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Holy Spirit You have revealed to us the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ: We beseech You so to enliven our hearts that we may sincerely receive Your Word, and not make light of it, or hear it without fruit, but that we may fear You and daily grow in faith in Your mercy, and finally obtain eternal salvation;

through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

Sun: For the joy of the resurrection; for true and godly worship

Mon: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your vocations and daily work; for the unemployed

Tues: For aid against temptation and deliverance from sin; for the lonely, addicted, and depressed; for those enduring trial and affliction; for the aged and weak

Wed: For marriage and family; for government, nation and community; for peace

Thurs: For the church and her pastors; for the right use of Christ's Body and Blood

Fri: For missions and missionaries; for the persecuted; for the heathen

Sat: For faithfulness to the end; for those who have lapsed or fallen away from the faith; for the sick and dying; for a heart receptive to God's Word.

In Our Prayers this Week

Here follows a list of particular petitions for the members of the parish and/or their loved ones and friends, as well as any other special intercessions that there may be.

Lord's Prayer and the Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week (sing or speak out loud each day): ELH 450/TLH 326

Looking forward to the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity – August 12, 2018

Chief Hymn: 329

Lection: Genesis 4:1-15; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

† **St. Luke 18:9-14** “The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering” (Gen 4:1–15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “God be merciful to me, sinner!” was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Eph 2:1–10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor 15:1–10).