

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Judica

March 29 through April 4, 2020

In baptism every Christian has enough to study and practice all his or her life. Christians always have enough to do to believe firmly what baptism promises and brings—victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with his gifts. In short, the blessings of baptism are so boundless that if our timid nature considers them, it may well doubt whether they could all be true. Suppose there were a physician who had so much skill that people would not die, or even though they died would afterward live eternally. Just think how the world would snow and rain money upon such a person! Because of the throng of rich people crowding around, no one else would be able to get near. Now, here in baptism there is brought, free of charge, to every person's door just such a treasure and medicine that swallows up death and keeps all people alive. – Large Catechism

The Order of Meditation and 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 the selection from the catechism, memory verse, and catechism hymn stanza(s) for the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

The Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Memory Verse

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Romans 3:28)

Catechism Hymn *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord, LSB 406 (Stanza 3)*

3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown
By mighty word and wonder.
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,
Which we do well to ponder:
"This man is My beloved Son,
In whom My heart has pleasure.
Him you must hear, and Him alone,
And trust in fullest measure
The word that He has spoken."

Daily Readings

Sunday, March 29:	Exodus 1:1–22	Mark 14:12–31	Psalm 25
Monday, March 30:	Exodus 2:1–22	Mark 14:32–52	Psalm 51
Tuesday, March 31:	Exodus 2:23—3:22	Mark 14:53–72	Psalm 102
Wednesday, April 1:	Exodus 4:1–18	Mark 15:1–15	Psalm 130
Thursday, April 2:	Exodus 4:19–31	Mark 15:16–32	Psalm 413
Friday, April 3:	Exodus 5:1—6:1	Mark 15:33–47	Psalm 32
Saturday, April 4:	Exodus 7:1–25	Mark 16:1–20	Psalm 5

PRAYERS

Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

First Lutheran Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Bishop Matthew Harrison
Bishop Waldemar Vinovskis
Bishop Timothy Yeadon
Pastor Scamman
Concordia Theological Seminary
Our Sister Churches
The United States of America
President Donald Trump
John Allmendinger
Marlene Bock
Margaret Chernek
Katie Edgar
Irene Errigo
Ann Herron

Bea Walko
The Family of Janet Vojt
Alyson Shields
Lynn Shields
Timothy (Jr.) Shields
Timothy (Sr.) Shields
Madison Szelenyi
Michele Szelenyi
Myles Szelenyi
Rich Szelenyi
Nancy Taracka
Alex Walko
Andrew Walko
Christopher Walko
David Walko
Emily Walko
Katie Walko

Olga Mayores
Matilda Moore
Edward Palovchek
Anna Pietrzak
Grace Revella
Olaf Soot

Melissa Walko
Nicole Walko
Stephen Walko
Ken Wheeler
Amy Young
John Zmarzlak

Look upon them with eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism

(Morning) I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Evening) I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Looking forward to the week of Palmarum

Zechariah 9:9–12

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 26:1—27:66

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty, LSB 441 / 440