

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020 through August 9, 2020*

Catechesis Notes for the Week— The Fifth and Sixth Petitions—Faith in Christ's Righteousness Brings True Freedom — Faith in Christ's righteousness, which is a free gift of God's grace that covers all our sin, gives true freedom. It is by the gift of Christ's righteousness that we learn to commend our fellow sinners to God, not holding their sins against them but sincerely forgiving them and gladly doing good to them, especially when they sin against us (Fifth Petition). It is by the gift of Christ's righteousness that we are delivered from every evil (Sixth Petition). This is why faith continues to pray that God would preserve us in His forgiveness against all evil. Satan's desire is to tempt us away from the free gift of the righteousness of Christ. When our faith moves away from Christ's righteousness then false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice come into our hearts and lives. So the faith that receives Christ's righteousness is always calling upon Him in prayer to preserve us in the freedom of His righteousness.

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 verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse of the week: Isaiah 55:1

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Psalm 136 and/or the appointed daily psalms as listed below

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	101	103	105	107	109	112, 113	115	117, 118
Evening	102	104	106	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121

The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—the Fifth and Sixth Petitions

<p><i>What is the Fifth Petition?</i> And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.</p>	Second Grade +
<p><i>What is the Sixth Petition?</i> And lead us not into temptation.</p>	Preschool +
<p><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.</p>	Third Grade +

Readings for the week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	Jesus Feeds the 5,000—Matthew 14:13-21	1 Sam. 17:20-47	Acts 26:24-27:8
Monday	Jesus Cleanses the Temple—Matthew 21:12-17	1 Sam. 17:48-18:9	Acts 27:9-26
Tuesday	The Fruitless Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-27	1 Sam. 18:10-30	Acts 27:27-44
Wednesday	The Parable of the Two Sons—Matthew 21:28-32	1 Sam. 19:1-24	Acts 28:1-15
Thursday	The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Matthew 21:33-46	1 Sam. 20:1-23	Acts 28:16-31
Friday	The Parable of the Wedding Feast—Matthew 22:1-14	1 Sam. 20:24-42	1 Cor. 1:1-25
Saturday	Catch Up on Readings or Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings	1 Sam. 24:1-22	1 Cor. 1:26-2:16

Prayers: Collect for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Victory in Christ

Collect for the week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work, for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
Tuesday: *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
Wednesday: *Pray 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 raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
Thursday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacraments of Christ's body and blood.*
Friday: *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
Saturday: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In our Prayers at Victory in Christ this Week

Healing

Jacob Brewer, Mary Lou Beck, Orrion McJimsey, Debbie Drovwall, Joe Schober, Gordon Munson, Jenny Jones, Eugene Kroeger

Strength

Our Shut-ins

Mary Lou Beck, Shirley Noah, Joe Withers

Employment

Peace and Comfort

Expectant Mothers

Mallory Crutcher, Katherine Grisham

Military and Over Seas

William Funke, Kyle Rohloff

College Students

Gabrielle Funke, Hailey Richardson, Alina Riebel, Jared Rohloff, Logan Rohloff, Jacob Schielke, John Schober, Gina Visingardi

Safe Travel

Those who are travelling

Blessings

Mission / Ministries

Our Academy and the missions we support

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

Hymn of Week

"I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care"

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