

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Saint Michael and All the Angels
September 29, 2024 through October 6, 2024*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Covetousness — Covetousness is in the heart and causes all kinds of sinful acts. Covetousness is the insatiable appetite to have those things that God has not allowed us to have according to our station and calling in life. It is the insistent desire that "I must have these things, people, or positions, etc." Such desire is really idolatry and therefore connected to the First Commandment. Sinful acts arise out of the covetousness of the heart. This is why the catechism speaks against "scheming to get our neighbor's inheritance or house" or "enticing away from our neighbor his wife, workers, or animals." The sins of covetousness also involve obtaining things under the pretense that you actually have a right to these things. This is called obtaining things by "a show of right" or "in ways that only appear right." It also includes turning the loyalties of our neighbor's spouse or workers away from him (to whom such loyalties rightly belong) to ourselves. Their "switch of allegiance" gives the impression that our neighbor doesn't deserve such loyalties and we do. Against the sins of covetousness our Lord calls us not only to repentance, but to find in Him the new life of faith that is not only content with what God gives, but actually delights in using everything that God has given for the benefit of others.

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: Romans 10:17

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Psalm 91 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	137, 138	140, 141	144	146	148	1, 2	5	8, 9
Evening	139	142, 143	145	147	149, 150	3	4, 6	7

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

<p>What is the Ninth Commandment?</p> <p>You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</p>	Preschool +
<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.</p>	Second Grade +
<p>What is the Tenth Commandment?</p> <p>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p>What does this mean?</p> <p>We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.</p>	Second Grade +

Readings for the Week of Saint Michael and All the Angels

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	The Return of the Seventy-Two—Luke 10:17-20	Deut. 1:19-36	Matt. 5:21-48
Monday	The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 16:1-17 (18-19) 20-22, 34	Deut. 1:37-2:15	Matt. 6:1-15
Tuesday	The Lord Commands a Census of Israel – Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19, 45-54	Deut. 2:16-37	Matt. 6:16-34
Wednesday	The Levites are Called to Serve as Priests – Numbers 3:1-16, 39-51	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
Thursday	The Priestly Blessing – Numbers 6:22-27	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
Friday	The Second Passover – Numbers 9:1-14	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17
Saturday	Catch Up on Readings or Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings	Deut. 5:1-21	Matt. 8:18-34

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

Collect for the week of Saint Michael and All the Angels:

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

Amber Hinshaw, Donna Reitnauer, Bruce Elledge, Antonia Menendez, Kathy Mason, Kenneth Higby, Brandt Wilson, Margaret Schroeder, John Ward, Dave Brown, Peg Munson, Arlene Davis, Lori Rohloff, Peggy Wahlstedt, Theresa Rohloff, Cliff Johnson, Joseph Menendez, Liz Lovato, Connie Smith, Ella Littlefield, Tommy Rodhe, Gordon Munson, Henry Ostermann, Dante Pellegrino, Collene Pellegrino, Bobbie Sherrod, Jenny Jones, Eugene Kroeger

Strength

Angel Menendez, and the Martin, Courtney, Bradshaw, Herbel, and Menendez families

Our Shut-ins

Deena Strang, Coy Warfield

Peace and Comfort

Blessings and Thanksgiving

Expectant Mothers

Esther Schielke

Military and Over Seas

Kyle Rohloff

Seminarians

Justin Chester, Dan Hollister, Tanner Sawall

Mission / Ministries

Our Academy and the missions we support

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

Hymn of Week

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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