

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the week of the Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 21, 2021 through November 28, 2021*

Catechesis Notes for the Week— Preserved in the Faith Until the Coming of Our Lord—There are so many attacks upon our faith in Christ that it can be frightening to the Christian. Our flesh has the natural inclination that fights against the Spirit of God. The world has teachings and philosophies that appeal to the appetites of our flesh, and the devil is in league with both to tempt us to deny Christ and look elsewhere for a sense of peace and well-being. How will we be preserved in the faith in these latter days when there are so many threats to us and our children? We are preserved by continuing in the ordinary gifts of our Lord by which our faith has been created in the first place. The early Christians lived in a world in which Christianity was illegal; they were discriminated against and persecuted. It was culturally acceptable to deny Christ and live according to the covetous desires of the flesh. Becoming a Christian put one at a decided disadvantage in the society. Into this backdrop the Apostle Paul speaks to his catechumen and young pastor colleague these simple words: “Continue in the things that you have learned and become convinced of... From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” Our faith and salvation is given and sustained by the ordinary preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures. There is no substitute for the power of the Holy Scriptures to create, sustain, and protect us in our faith against every attack.

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: John 10:27-28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Psalm 93 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	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132
Evening	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134

The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—the Second and Third Petitions

<p>What is the Second Petition? Thy Kingdom Come.</p>	Preschool +
<p>What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.</p>	First Grade +
<p>How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.</p>	Second Grade +
<p>What is the Third Petition? Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p>	Preschool +
<p>What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.</p>	First Grade +
<p>How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.</p>	Third Grade +

Readings for the week of the Last Sunday of the Church Year

Day	Bible Stories for the Family	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	The Coming of the Son of Man—Mark 13:24-37	Dan. 2:1-23	Rev. 18:1-24
Monday	Acts 24-26	Dan. 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
Tuesday	Acts 27-28	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
Wednesday	Romans 1-3	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Thursday	Romans 4-7	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27
Friday	Romans 8-10	Dan. 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
Saturday	Romans 11-16	Is. 1:1-28	1 Pet. 1:1-12

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

Collect for the week of the Last Sunday of the Church Year:

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father 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

Dante Pelligrino, Collene Pelligrino, Bobbie Sherrod, Tina Sawall, Gordon Munson, Jenny Jones, Eugene Kroeger

Strength

Peg Munson and the Rice family

Our Shut-ins

Employment

Peace and Comfort

Expectant Mothers

Military and Over Seas

Kyle Rohloff

College Students

Nathan Campbell, Hailey Richardson, Jared Rohloff, Kara Rohloff, Logan Rohloff

Seminarian

John Schober

Blessings

Mission / Ministries

The missions we support and the future of our Academy

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

Hymn of Week

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

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