

James writes that if we fail in one point of the Law we fail in all of it. The reason this is true is because all of the Law is based on the 1st Commandment. If we fear, love and trust in God above all things we will honor His name, remember His day of rest, honor proper authority, and trust him to provide all things needful. But we do not have this trust. And so, we break the Law; Jesus, however, trusted perfectly and we are given that perfect trust. The Holy Spirit unstoppers your ears and opens your eyes as He evicts your lack of trust and replaces it with Jesus' perfect trust. It is this trust we call faith and it is in this faith we receive all that is Christ's. It is the gift that gives. [Isaiah 35:4–7; James 2:1–18; Mark 7:24–37]

The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

Theme for the week: Unstopped Ears and Opened Eyes

Invocation (*spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism*)

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

Apostle's Creed

Learn By Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout each day)

Psalm 90: 1-2 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

First Commandment <i>You shall have no other gods.</i>	Pre-K +
What does this mean? <i>We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.</i>	Second Grade +
Second Commandment <i>You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.</i>	Pre-K +
What does this mean? <i>We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks</i>	Second Grade +

Themes for Daily Prayer: First Sunday of the month

Sunday: Pray that the joy of the Resurrection would be seen in us; that the fruits of faith, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, would be evident in us and among us.

- Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of your Baptism; for your calling and daily work; pray for your family members by name. Pray for those you know who are not yet believers in Jesus or who are unchurched that they would come to know and respond to the Savior's love for them.
- Tuesday: Pray for deliverance in the face of temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those caught in cycle of sinful behavior.
- Wed: Pray for marriage and family: that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for families devastated by divorce; for parents who must raise children alone.
- Thursday: Pray for Christ's Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for the faithful and fruitful use of Word and Sacrament among us.
- Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Good News of His death and Resurrection in our neighborhoods and throughout the whole world. Pray for the sick and dying. Pray that you would have compassion for them and their families going through difficult days.
- Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end for His people; 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 gifts of Word and Sacrament.

Lord's Prayer

Going with God's Blessing: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Looking Ahead (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Deut. 6:1-9

2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-17

Matt 28:18-20

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