

When things don't go the way we think they should, we often begin to grumble and complain – to God and to others. Our negative attitudes, evidenced in our words, can become contagious. They poison our lives and the lives of those around us. They can undermine our witness to others. They can influence others to have the same sinful reactions.

When we realize what is happening, it is important that we confess our sins and ask God to give us an attitude adjustment, to move us from grumbling and complaining - which demonstrates unbelief - to praise and thanksgiving - which demonstrates faith that God has our best interests in mind - that He is good even when the circumstances of our lives may not be. He is even able to take those things intended for evil and to use them for good! [Num 11: 4-29; James 5:7-12; Mk 9:38-50]

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: Attitude Adjustment

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)

Luke 12: 15 Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The Ninth Commandment <i>You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</i>	Pre K +
What does this mean? <i>We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.</i>	Second Grade +
The Tenth Commandment <i>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.</i>	Pre K +
What does this mean? <i>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.</i>	Second Grade +

Daily Themes for Prayer: Fourth Sunday of the Month

Sunday: Pray that God's people would see themselves as "neighborhood missionaries" with Good News to share with their neighbors as they "go in peace to serve the Lord".

Monday: Pray for our national, state and local governmental leaders by name. Pray that they would be men and women of integrity who have the best interests of our nation and their constituents in mind as they serve and make their decisions.

Tuesday: Pray for our music ministry at Our Savior: our children's choirs, our hand bell choir, our adult choir, for those who serve as instrumentalist and vocalists for worship.

Wed: Pray for our ministry to men, to women, to youth. Pray that these ministries help us to grow as His disciples. Help us to spur one another on toward love and service.

Thursday: Pray for our Sunday School, for our adult Bible classes, and for our confirmation process for youth and adults. Pray that we are putting the things we have been learning into practice.

Friday: Pray for our preschool and Kindergarten, its teachers and students, pray that it would thrive. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with the students and their families.

Saturday: Pray for the people who live in your neighborhood. Pray for opportunities to get to know them better and for opportunities to have faith conversations with them.

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)

Gen. 2:18-25

Heb. 2:1-18

Mark 10:2-16

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