

## Congregation in Prayer – Oct 11, 2015

Jesus doesn't let us kid ourselves. When we set the qualifications for good to low, He raises them back up. Not because He is mean but because He wants to replace our false hopes with good hopes. Our hope doesn't rest in our deeds or resources, but in the one who conquered every temptation we face. Jesus did every single thing that He asked the rich young man to do including giving everything to the poor. Such is the extent of His love that Jesus died for people just like the rich young man. He died so that you and I may have new life in His name. (Amos 5:6–15, Hebrews 3:12–19, Mark 10:17–22)

### The Order of Meditation and Prayer

We will be gradually growing into the order of meditation. Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible. For now concentrate on the Learn by heart Bible Verse, Catechism. *As we progress, I will add suggested next steps*

**Theme: *Real Hope***

**Invocation** 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:

**Psalm 19: 1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

### The Catechism:

<b>The First Article:</b> <i>I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.</i>	Pre K +
<b>What does this mean?</b> <i>I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.</i>	Second Grade +
<i>He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.</i>	Fifth Grade +

### Daily Themes for Prayer: Second Sunday of the month

**Sunday:** Pray for those who help lead us in worship: our Pastors, our Elders, our organists. Pray that God's people are actively engaged as they worship. Pray for those who serve in our military and for our chaplains as they proclaim the Gospel.

**Monday:** Pray for the unemployed and underemployed; pray for the homeless in our community; pray for the ministries of DayBreak and MorningStar in our community; pray for the ministry of Feed My Starving Children.

**Tuesday:** Pray for our CrossRoad Life Recovery ministry and its leaders. Pray that this important ministry would continue to expand among us and through us. Pray that it might impact other congregations and communities around the country.

**Wed:** Pray for the ministries of our congregation: Braille, CrossRoad Life Recovery, DayBreak, Operation Christmas Child, Quilters, Sunny Hill, Spiritual Vitamins. Pray that new ministries might be developed among us that will impact lives through our serving.

Thursday: Pray also for ministries in our community: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet Area Hospice, Lambs Fold, Living Alternatives, Stepping Stones, Trinity Services.

Friday: Pray for our communities and neighborhoods; for our words of witness and acts of mercy to our neighbors.

Saturday: Pray that people would see the need to come to worship this weekend. Pray that we would be a welcoming, non-judgmental community of faith for them as they come.

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

## **Looking ahead to next Divine Service**

Exodus 20:8-11

Heb. 4:9-16

Mark 10:23–31

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