

Congregation in Prayer – Oct 18, 2015

After God created everything in six days, He rested on the 7th day. He commanded His people to set aside a Sabbath Day each week. He wants His people to build Sabbath times into our lives so that we can rest in Him. These are times for us to rest and to cease from our efforts to save ourselves, but also provide an opportunity for us to embrace the things of God and to celebrate His blessings in our lives!
These Sabbath times allow us to step out of all the noise around us so that we can listen to our Father's voice. They allow us time to regain His perspective for our lives. Through His Word, He speaks to us; by our prayers, we respond to Him. This prepares us for all that we will face in our busy lives. [Ex 20:8-11; Heb 4:9-16; Mk 10:27]

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: Time with God

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

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The First Article <i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth</i>	Pre K +
What does this mean? <i>He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.</i>	Second Grade +
<i>All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.</i>	Fifth Grade +

Daily Themes for Prayer: Third Sunday of the Month

Sunday: Pray for those who are prevented from gathering for worship: those who live in areas where persecution is strong; those who do not have a Christian church nearby; those who are homebound; those whose work keeps them away from worship.

Monday: Pray for the salvation and well-being of your neighbors; for our Lutheran schools, colleges, and seminaries; for those who serve as teachers, healthcare workers, police and firefighters; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for your personal life of faith: that you would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, that the fruit of the Spirit would be evident in your life and relationships, that your attitudes, your reactions, and your choices would reflect your faith in Christ.

Wed: Pray for the mission of our congregation: to bring people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. Pray about practical ways for you personally to join Jesus in His mission.

Thursday: Pray for your pastors. Pray for protection for them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray for their influence for Christ in the congregation and in the community. Pray that they are able to finish strong and remain faithful to the end.

Friday: Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Church Charities: for their comfort dog ministry; for their Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) that deploy when disasters happen here and around the country.

Saturday: Pray for the witness of you and your family to those God brings across your path. Pray for eyes to see the opportunities the Lord gives you to talk to others about Jesus or to serve them in His name.

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)

Isa 53:11-12

Heb 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

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