

Congregation in Prayer - November 1, 2015

We celebrate two festivals this week. The first is Reformation Day which is a remembrance of Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses, or ideas for debate, on the door of the church in Wittenberg. It is a special occasion because it marks the beginning of the journey that would result in the Gospel being set free from the burdensome traditions of man. At the same time, we celebrate All Saints Day. All Saints Day is a day set aside to remember those who have died in the faith so that we can give thanks for their lives, their faith, and above all remember that God has promised that all who are in Jesus will all be raised to new life. Death is not the end because Jesus has already conquered death. [Rev. 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12]

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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

Theme: A Celebration of the Gospel

Invocation (Say and make 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:

2 Corinthians 5: 21 [God] made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Catechism:

The Second Article: <i>I believe in Jesus Christ ... judge the living and the dead</i>	Pre K +
What does this mean? <i>...that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,</i>	Second Grade +
<i>just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.</i>	Fifth Grade +

Daily Themes for Prayer: First Sunday of the Monday

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.

Wed: 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 sacrament 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.

Lord's Prayer

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

Looking ahead to next Divine Service

1 Kings 17:8–16

Heb. 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

Disclaimer: Scripture passages used in this document are from ESV unless otherwise noted.