

## Congregation in Prayer Nov 8, 2015

This week we look at the story of two widows from the Bible. One comes from the Old Testament and the other from the New Testament. What they have in common is their trust in God's provision. Both involve taking a step of faith prior to receiving that provision. The widow at Zarapheth takes God's prophet into her home, knowing she could not provide for him. God gave her a jar of flour that was not used up and a jug of oil that never ran out. Later the prophet healed her son who was very ill. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus pointed out the widow who put all she had into the Temple treasury. Jesus commended her over all those who had put in large amounts saying "They gave out of their Wealth; but she out of her poverty put in everything she had to live on". [1 Kg 17:8-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44]

### 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: Trusting God's Provision

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

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

#### **Apostle's Creed**

**Learn by Heart Verse** (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

**John 15:26 (ESV)** "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

**From the Catechism** (Read together and discuss briefly)

The Creed Third Article <i>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</i>	Pre-K+
What does this mean? <i>I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith</i>	Second Grade +
<i>In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.</i>	Fifth Grade +

#### **Daily Bible Readings:**

Monday	Elijah ascends into heaven – 2 Kings 2:1-15
Tuesday	Elisha performs miracles – 2 Kings 2:19-25
Wednesday	Elisha and the water from Edom – 2 Kings 3:1-27

Thursday	Elisha and the widow's oil – 2 Kings 4:1-7
Friday	Elisha raises the Shunammite's son – 2 Kings 4:8-37
Weekend	Looking Ahead

### Daily Themes for Prayer:

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 (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)