

Congregation in Prayer Nov 29, 2015

Our Old Testament lesson is the prophecy concerning the first coming of Christ, a descendant of David. The Gospel lesson warns us to be prepared for His coming again. The message of Advent is this: watch and pray! As we wait, we wait with the confidence that He gives us all that we need to be prepared when He comes! [Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:6-13; Lk 21:25-36]

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: The two comings of Christ

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 8:31b–32 (ESV) “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

First Petition <i>Hallowed be Thy Name</i>	Pre-K+
What does this mean? <i>God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.</i>	Second Grade+

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Jesus teaches his disciples to pray-Luke 11:1-4
Tuesday	Jesus teaches his disciples to pray-Luke 11:5-13
Wednesday	The Centurion prays to Jesus for his servant-Matt. 8:5-13
Thursday	Canaanite woman prays for her daughter-Matt. 15:21-28
Friday	The stilling of the Storm-Mark 4:35-41
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer: [Fifth Sunday of the month]

Sunday: Pray that lives are being transformed through Word and Sacrament ministry here at Our Savior congregation. Pray for those with special needs in your family and in our congregation.

Monday: Pray for prisoners incarcerated in our community, that they would come to know Christ and have their lives transformed. Pray for their families, especially for their children.

Tuesday: Pray for those who have lost hope because of dysfunction in their lives or those around them.

Wed: Pray for those in your extended family; for marriages, for families to live in Christ's love and forgiveness with each other, for any special concerns with in your own family.

Thursday: Pray for our sister congregations in our circuit. Pray for their pastors. Pray for our District and Synod and their leaders.

Friday: Pray for those who are suffering because of health or because of their faith. Pray that the Lord will sustain them in their hour of need.

Saturday: Pray for society's castoffs: runaways, street people, prostitutes, the mentally ill, victims of human trafficking that they might have their lives restored to them. Pray for the healing that they will need to return to a healthy and productive existence.

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)

Mal 3:1-7b

Php 1:2-11

Lk 3:1-20