

## Congregation in Prayer Jan 24, 2016

Our God is a LIFE-giving, LIFE-sustaining God. He is the Source of our life. He sustains us through the difficult days that are part of life in this fallen world. He has given us new life and continues to bring us His life-imparting gifts. Today, we pause to celebrate His gift of life in the midst of a culture of death. [Deut 30:11-20; 1 Jn 5:11-13; Mt 25:31-46]

### 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: Life

**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)

Isaiah 1:18 (ESV) "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

What is Baptism? <i>Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.</i>	<b>Pre-K+</b>
Which is that word of God? <i>Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)</i>	<b>Second Grade+</b>

#### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth—Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	The Destruction of Sennacherib's Army—2 Chronicles 32:1-23
Wednesday	King Hezekiah's Life Is Extended—2 Kings 20:1-11
Thursday	King Hezekiah Receives Envoys from Babylon—2 Kings 20:12-21
Friday	King Manasseh of Judah—2 Chronicles 33:1-20
Saturday	Looking ahead

## **Daily Themes for Prayer: Fourth Sunday of the month:**

Sunday: Pray that God's people would see themselves as "neighborhood missionaries" with Good News to share with their neighbors as they "go in peace to serve the Lord".

Monday: Pray for our national, state and local governmental leaders by name. Pray that they would be men and women of integrity who have the best interests of our nation and their constituents in mind as they serve and make their decisions.

Tuesday: Pray for our music ministry at Our Savior: our children's choirs, our hand bell choir, our adult choir, for those who serve as instrumentalist and vocalists for worship.

Wed: Pray for our ministry to men, to women, to youth. Pray that these ministries help us to grow as His disciples. Help us to spur one another on toward love and service.

Thursday: Pray for our Sunday School, for our adult Bible classes, and for our confirmation process for youth and adults. Pray that we are putting the things we have been learning into practice.

Friday: Pray for our preschool and Kindergarten, its teachers and students, pray that it would thrive. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with the students and their families.

Saturday: Pray for the people who live in your neighborhood. Pray for opportunities to get to know them better and for opportunities to have faith conversations with them.

## **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)

Jer. 1:4–10 (17–19)

1 Cor. 12:31b—13:13

Luke 4:31–44