

Congregation in Prayer Mar 6, 2016

Throughout the weekends in Lent we are taking a look at the greatest story ever told – the account of the birth, life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This week we take a look at some of the teachings of Jesus. His words reveal the wisdom of God and tell us of life in the Kingdom of God. [Jn 6:35; Jn 8:12; Jn 10:7; Jn 10:11; Jn 11:25; Jn 14:6; Jn 15:5]

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 Greatest Story Ever Told
Teachings of Jesus

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)

Luke 11:28 (ESV) But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>Who receives this sacrament worthily? <i>Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."</i></p> <p><i>But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.</i></p>	First Grade +
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Daily Bible Readings

Monday: Mt 5:1-16 Sermon on the Mount
Tuesday: Mt 5:17-48 Jesus teaches on the Law
Wednesday: Lk 11:1-13 Jesus teaches on prayer
Thursday: Lk 15 parables of Jesus
Friday: Mk 13:24-52 more parables of Jesus
Saturday: looking ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray that the joy of the Resurrection would be seen in us; that the fruits of faith, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, would be evident in us and among us.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of your Baptism; for your calling and daily work; pray for your family members by name. Pray for those you know who are not yet believers in Jesus or who are unchurched that they would come to know and respond to the Savior's love for them.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance in the face of temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those caught in cycle of sinful behavior.

Wed: Pray for marriage and family: that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for families devastated by divorce; for parents who must raise children alone.

Thursday: Pray for Christ's Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for the faithful and fruitful use of Word and Sacrament among us.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Good News of His death and Resurrection in our neighborhoods and throughout the whole world. Pray for the sick and dying. Pray that you would have compassion for them and their families going through difficult days.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end for His people; 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 gifts of Word and Sacrament.

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)

Jn 12:37-50 a STORY that divides

Mt 16:13-26 Peter's confession of faith