

## Congregation in Prayer Mar 27, 2016

Throughout the weekends in Lent we have been taking a look at the greatest story ever told – the account of the birth, life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This week we see the culmination of the STORY in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Because He lives, death is defeated once and for all! Because He lives, all God’s promises are true! Because He lives, salvation is ours! The Resurrection is the guarantee!

[Jn 3:1-21; Jn 20:24-31]

### 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 Believe the STORY and have 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)

Romans 8:31–32 (ESV) If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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

### **The Second Article: Redemption**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday:	Mt 28:1-15	Matthew’s account
Tuesday:	Mk 16:1-14	Mark’s account
Wednesday:	Lk 24:1-35	Luke’s account
Thursday:	Jn 20:1-30	John’s account
Friday:	Jn 21:1-19	Jesus reinstates Peter
Saturday:	looking ahead	

### **Daily Themes for Prayer:**

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)