

## Congregation in Prayer Apr 3 , 2016

The focus of the Scriptures is Jesus Christ. The climax of the Scriptures is His Resurrection from the dead. Because of His death and Resurrection we have life abundant and eternal. Today, we celebrate our Resurrected Lord who reigns forever and ever! [Acts 5:12-32; Rev 1:4-18; Jn 20:19-31]

### 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:** Easter, it's all about 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)

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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

What Hearers owe their preachers  We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13	First Grade +
Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17	Second Grade +

### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	Jesus Commissions the Apostles—John 20:19-31
Tuesday	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27
Wednesday	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35
Thursday	Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49
Friday	Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31
Saturday	Looking ahead

**Daily Themes for Prayer: First Sunday of the month:**

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)