

**Congregation in Prayer** Apr 17 , 2016

**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:**

**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)

**Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV)** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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

Of Citizens Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matt. 22:21	Pre-K +
It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Rom. 13:5–7	Second Grade +
I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Tim. 2:1–3	Third Grade +
Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good. Titus 3:1	Fourth Grade +
Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13–14	Fifth Grade +

**Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	The Rebuilding of the Temple—Ezra 3:1-13
Tuesday	Nehemiah's Prayer—Nehemiah 1:1—2:6
Wednesday	Ezra Reads from the Torah—Nehemiah 7:73c—8:12
Thursday	The Israelites Confess Their Sins—Nehemiah 9:1-38
Friday	Next Sunday's Gospel: Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy—John 16:12-22
Saturday	Looking Ahead

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

**Sunday:** Pray for those are prevented from gathering for worship: those who live in areas where persecution is strong; those who do not have a Christian church nearby; those who are homebound; those whose work keeps them away from worship.

**Monday:** Pray for the salvation and well-being of your neighbors; for our Lutheran schools, colleges, and seminaries; for those who serve as teachers, healthcare workers, police and firefighters; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** Pray for your personal life of faith: that you would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, that the fruit of the Spirit would be evident in your life and relationships, that your attitudes, your reactions, and your choices would reflect your faith in Christ.

**Wed:** Pray for the mission of our congregation: to bring people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. Pray about practical ways for you personally to join Jesus in His mission.

**Thursday:** Pray for your pastors. Pray for protection for them from the attacks of the enemy. Pray for their influence for Christ in the congregation and in the community. Pray that they are able to finish strong and remain faithful to the end.

**Friday:** Pray for the ministry of Lutheran Church Charities: for their comfort dog ministry; for their Lutheran Emergency Response Teams (LERT) that deploy when disasters happen here and around the country.

**Saturday:** Pray for the witness of you and your family to those God brings across your path. Pray for eyes to see the opportunities the Lord gives you to talk to others about Jesus or to serve them in His name.

### **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)

Acts 11:1–18

Rev. 21:1–7

John 16:12–22 *or* John 13:31–35