

Congregation in Prayer May 1, 2016

How can it be that Jesus has overcome the world, but I still face tribulation and sorrow? We are caught between two worlds – the fallen world and the redeemed world. It is a troublesome reality for us. Sometimes it means no matter how well we follow the Ten Commandments we will suffer. Sometimes, it seems that Christ's church is losing and beating a hasty retreat. All in all, it means we have a struggle on our hands.

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: Overcome

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)

1 John 4:19 (ESV) We love because he first loved us.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

To Wives Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22	First Grade +
They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5–6	Second Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25
Tuesday	The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20
Wednesday	St. Mark Records the Command to Preach—Mark 16:9-20
Thursday	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples—Luke 24:44-53
Friday	The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14
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)