

Congregation in Prayer May 22, 2016

God is both beyond our ability to imagine and eminently knowable. He transcends our thoughts, but has made Himself known in a way we can grasp. We see God in Jesus. Through Jesus we know the Father and we know the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus we see God at work – the Father creating and caring for us, the Holy Spirit giving us comfort and truth. Through Jesus we get a peek at something greater than we can imagine.

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: God put Himself in the box

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)

Mark 10:7–9 (ESV) ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

To Employers and Supervisors Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. Eph. 6:9	First Grade +
To Youth Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6	Second Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Peter Preaches in the Temple—Acts 3:11—4:4
Tuesday	Peter and John Are Arrested—Acts 4:5-22
Wednesday	Peter and John Give Thanks for Being Persecuted—Acts 4:23-31
Thursday	Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Spirit—Acts 4:32—5:16

Friday	An Angel Frees the Apostles from Prison—Acts 5:17-42
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)