

## Congregation in Prayer June 5, 2016

The Gospel is the transforming power in the lives of sinful people. Our Lord Jesus appeared to Saul who had committed himself to persecuting the church and called him to become the greatest missionary the world has ever known. If He is able to transform and use someone like Saul into Saul, He is certainly able to transform and use someone like us! [1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 9:1-9; Gal 1:11-24; Lk 7:11-17]

### 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 Transforming Power of the Gospel

**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)

Luke 12:15 (ESV) And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

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

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| <b>The Second Petition</b><br><br>Thy kingdom come.   | Pre-K +           |
| <i>How does God's kingdom come?</i> God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. | 1 <sup>st</sup> + |

### **Daily Bible Readings**

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| Monday    | The Temptation of Our Lord—Luke 4:1-15     |
| Tuesday   | Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth—Luke 4:16-30 |
| Wednesday | The Signs of the Messiah—Luke 4:31-44      |
| Thursday  | Jesus Calls Fishers of Men—Luke 5:1-11     |
| Friday    | Jesus Cleanses a Leper—Luke 5:12-16        |
| Weekend   | Looking ahead                              |

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

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)

2 Sam. 11:26—12:10, 13–14

Gal. 2:15–21; 3:10–14

Luke 7:36—8:3