

## Congregation in Prayer June 12, 2016

Curses, they are not just the stuff of pirate legends. They are quite real, particularly the curse of the Law. Though the Law of God is good it comes with a curse. And anybody who cannot follow the laws is considered cursed with death. Anybody relying on the Law remains in that curse. But the work of Jesus is to be that curse in our place. So that in Him we are de-curse-ified and raised to new life.

### 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: De-curse-ified

**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)

Romans 6:23 (ESV) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

<b>The Fifth Petition</b>  And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Pre-K +
<i>What does this mean?</i>  We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us	1 <sup>st</sup> +

#### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Fasting and the Sabbath—Luke 5:33-39
Wednesday	Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Luke 6:1-11
Thursday	The Twelve Apostles—Luke 6:12-19
Friday	The Sermon on the Plain—Luke 6:20-26

**Daily Themes for Prayer:**

- Sunday: Pray for those who help lead us in worship: our Pastors, our Elders, our organists. Pray that God's people are actively engaged as they worship. Pray for those who serve in our military and for our chaplains as they proclaim the Gospel.
- Monday: Pray for the unemployed and underemployed; pray for the homeless in our community; pray for the ministries of DayBreak and MorningStar in our community; pray for the ministry of Feed My Starving Children.
- Tuesday: Pray for our CrossRoad Life Recovery ministry and its leaders. Pray that this important ministry would continue to expand among us and through us. Pray that it might impact other congregations and communities around the country.
- Wed: Pray for the ministries of our congregation: Braille, CrossRoad Life Recovery, DayBreak, Operation Christmas Child, Quilters, Sunny Hill, Spiritual Vitamins. Pray that new ministries might be developed among us that will impact lives through our serving.
- Thursday: Pray also for ministries in our community: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet Area Hospice, Lambs Fold, Living Alternatives, Stepping Stones, Trinity Services.
- Friday: Pray for our communities and neighborhoods; for our words of witness and acts of mercy to our neighbors.
- Saturday: Pray that people would see the need to come to worship this weekend. Pray that we would be a welcoming, non-judgmental community of faith for them as they come.

**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)

Is. 65:1-9

Gal. 3:23-4:7

Luke 8:26-39