

Congregation in Prayer June 19, 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: Security Blanket?

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)

Psalm 19:1 (ESV) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

Seventh Petition But deliver us from evil.	Pre-K +
<i>What does this mean?</i> We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.	1 st +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	A Disciple and His Teacher—Luke 6:39-49
Tuesday	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant—Luke 7:1-10
Wednesday	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son—Luke 7:11-17
Thursday	John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus—Luke 7:18-35
Friday	A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven—Luke 7:36-50
Weekend	Looking ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those who 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)

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Gal. 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62