

Congregation in Prayer October 16, 2016

What an incredible thing it is to be able to pray! Today, we focus on Jesus's parable of the persistent widow. With these words, He teaches us the importance of persistent prayer. We come to God in prayer at His invitation, not for His benefit, but for ours. He wants us to come to Him as dear children come to their heavenly Father! [Genesis 32:22-30; 2 Tim. 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8]

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: Be Persistent in Prayer!

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)
John 1:1–3 (ESV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The First Article: Creation I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.	Pre-K +
<i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.	Third Grade +

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The First Promise of Salvation—Genesis 3:8-15
Tuesday	The Curse of the Fall—Genesis 3:16-24
Wednesday	Cain Murders Abel and the Birth of Seth—Genesis 4:1-18 (19-24) 25-26
Thursday	The Flood—The Wickedness of Man and God’s Judgment—Gen. 6:5-22
Friday	The Flood—The Rains Fall for Forty Days and Forty Nights—Gen. 7:1-24
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those 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)

Genesis 4:1-15

2 Timothy 4:6-18

Luke 18:9-17