

## Congregation in Prayer January 22, 2017

In our Old Testament reading Isaiah predicts the light of God shining into the darkness. Jesus fulfilled that prophecy in His earthly ministry. Jesus commissioned His disciples to be fishers of men. You and I, too, have been commissioned for the mission of bringing people hope, healing and new life through Jesus Christ. In that way the light continues to shine as we become part of God's ongoing epiphany! [Isaiah 9:1-7; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 4:12-25]

### 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:** Light in the Darkness

**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)

**1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

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

<b>How can water do such great things?</b>  Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)	Second Grade +
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### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	Joseph's Dreams and His Brothers Sell Him—Gen. 37:1-36
Tuesday	Judah and Tamar—Genesis 38:1-30

Wednesday	Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt—Genesis 39:1-23
Thursday	Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison—Genesis 40:1-23
Friday	Joseph Interprets Pharaoh’s Dreams—Genesis 41:1-36
Weekend	Looking Ahead

### Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray that God’s people would see themselves as “neighborhood missionaries” with Good News to share with their neighbors as they “go in peace to serve the Lord”.

Monday: Pray for our national, state and local governmental leaders by name. Pray that they would be men and women of integrity who have the best interests of our nation and their constituents in mind as they serve and make their decisions.

Tuesday: Pray for our music ministry at Our Savior: our children’s choirs, our hand bell choir, our adult choir, for those who serve as instrumentalist and vocalists for worship.

Wed: Pray for our ministry to men, to women, to youth. Pray that these ministries help us to grow as His disciples. Help us to spur one another on toward love and service.

Thursday: Pray for our Sunday School, for our adult Bible classes, and for our confirmation process for youth and adults. Pray that we are putting the things we have been learning into practice.

Friday: Pray for our preschool and Kindergarten, its teachers and students, pray that it would thrive. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with the students and their families.

Saturday: Pray for the people who live in your neighborhood. Pray for opportunities to get to know them better and for opportunities to have faith conversations with them.

### 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)

Micah 6:1–8  
 1 Cor. 1:18–31  
 Matt. 5:1–12