

Congregation in Prayer January 29, 2017

Today, we take a look at the Beattitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In whatever state in life you find yourself – poor in spirit, mourning, lowly, etc – you can know that because of Jesus you are blessed! The blessing flows from the top downward, not the other way. [1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12]

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: Christmas!

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)

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>What does such baptizing with water indicate?</p> <p>It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.</p> <p>(Pastor's Note contrition means being convicted by the Law and feeling sorrow over our sin)</p>	First Grade +
<p>Where is this written?</p> <p>St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)</p>	First Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Wind and the Wave Obey Jesus—Matthew 8:23-27
Tuesday	Joseph Becomes the Prince of Egypt—Genesis 41:37-57
Wednesday	Journey to Egypt to Buy Food—Genesis 42:1-24
Thursday	Joseph Feeds His Brothers—Gen. 42:25-38
Friday	Benjamin Returns—Genesis 43:1-34
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray that lives are being transformed through Word and Sacrament ministry here at Our Savior congregation. Pray for those with special needs in your family and in our congregation.

Monday: Pray for prisoners incarcerated in our community, that they would come to know Christ and have their lives transformed. Pray for their families, especially for their children.

Tuesday: Pray for those who have lost hope because of dysfunction in their lives or those around them.

Wed: Pray for those in your extended family; for marriages, for families to live in Christ's love and forgiveness with each other, for any special concerns with in your own family.

Thursday: Pray for our sister congregations in our circuit. Pray for their pastors. Pray for our District and Synod and their leaders.

Friday: Pray for those who are suffering because of health or because of their faith. Pray that the Lord will sustain them in their hour of need.

Saturday: Pray for society's castoffs: runaways, street people, prostitutes, the mentally ill, victims of human trafficking that they might have their lives restored to them. Pray for the healing that they will need to return to a healthy and productive existence.

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. 58:3-9a

1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matt. 5:13-20