

Congregation at Prayer February 26, 2017

One of the themes for the season of Epiphany is focusing on Jesus' call to tell the Good News. As Jesus, the Light, shined into the darkness of our sinful world, now He calls on us to let our lights shine. On the mountain, we see the glory of the transfigured Lord. His desire and that of His Father is that our lives be transformed to reflect His glory to the world! [Mt 17:1-9; Ex 24: 8-18; 2 Pet 1:16-21]

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: Transfiguration of our Lord

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 6:35 (ESV) Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>Where is this written?</p> <p>The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."</p> <p>In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."</p>	<p>3rd Grade +</p>
<p>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?</p> <p>These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p>	<p>5th Grade +</p>

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Lord Promises Deliverance—Exodus 6:1-13
Tuesday	The Lord Gives Signs—Exodus 6:28—7:25
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday	The Plagues—Ex. 8:1-4 (7-10) 13-25, 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6 (7-11) 20-29
Friday	The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced—Exodus 11:1-10
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)

Gen 3:1-21; Rom 12:5-19; Mt 4:1-11