

## Congregation at Prayer March 12, 2017

Lent is a penitential season in which we consider our sins that led Jesus to the cross. These are the sins for which we repent and confess. Lent is, at the same time, a season in which we are more aware of God's grace to us in Christ Jesus. For this we give thanks and rejoice! [Gen 12:1-9; Rom 4:1-8, 13-17; Jn 3:1-17 ]

### 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:** A God of Blessing

**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 119:105 (ESV)** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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

<p><b>The First Commandment</b></p> <p>You shall have no other gods.</p> <p><b>The Second Commandment</b></p> <p>You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.</p> <p><b>The Third Commandment</b></p> <p>Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	Kindergarten +
<p><b>To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers</b></p> <p>The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2-4</p>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +

## Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Canaanite Woman—Matthew 15:21-28
Tuesday	The Song of Moses—Exodus 15:1-19
Wednesday	Bitter Water Made Sweet—Exodus 15:22-27
Thursday	The Bread from Heaven—Exodus 16:1-35
Friday	The Water from the Rock—Exodus 17:1-7
Weekend	Looking ahead

## Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray for those who help lead us in worship: our Pastors, our Elders, our organists. Pray that God's people are actively engaged as they worship. Pray for those who serve in our military and for our chaplains as they proclaim the Gospel.

Monday: Pray for the unemployed and underemployed; pray for the homeless in our community; pray for the ministries of DayBreak and MorningStar in our community; pray for the ministry of Feed My Starving Children.

Tuesday: Pray for our CrossRoad Life Recovery ministry and its leaders. Pray that this important ministry would continue to expand among us and through us. Pray that it might impact other congregations and communities around the country.

Wed: Pray for the ministries of our congregation: Braille, CrossRoad Life Recovery, DayBreak, Operation Christmas Child, Quilters, Sunny Hill, Spiritual Vitamins. Pray that new ministries might be developed among us that will impact lives through our serving.

Thursday: Pray also for ministries in our community: Guardian Angel Home, Joliet Area Hospice, Lambs Fold, Living Alternatives, Stepping Stones, Trinity Services.

Friday: Pray for our communities and neighborhoods; for our words of witness and acts of mercy to our neighbors.

Saturday: Pray that people would see the need to come to worship this weekend. Pray that we would be a welcoming, non-judgmental community of faith for them as they come.

## 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)

**Ex 17:1-7; Rom 5:1-8; Jn 4:5-26**