

Congregation at Prayer March 26, 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! [Isa 42:14-21; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41]

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: Healing in Jesus

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)

Luke 10:2 (ESV) And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>The First Commandment You shall have no other gods.</p> <p>The Second Commandment You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.</p> <p>The Third Commandment Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	First Grade +
<p>Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors</p> <p>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13</p> <p>Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17</p>	Third Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Feeding of the 5,000—John 6:1-15
Tuesday	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin—26:57-75
Wednesday	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—27:1-26
Thursday	St. Matthew Passion: The King of the Jews Is Mocked—27:27-44
Friday	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus' Death and Burial—27:45-66
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)

Ezek 37:1-14; Rom 8:1-11; Jn 11:1-45