

Congregation at Prayer April 9, 2017

Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus kept telling people now is not the time for the Son of Man to be glorified. Then during the week of the Passion, He says “now is the time.” What changed? What does that mean? The answer is good news for those who know their sin.

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: Now is the time

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)

Job 19:25–26 (ESV) For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The Fourth Commandment Honor your father and your mother. <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.	Second Grade +
Of Civil Government He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Matthew 22:21 (ESV) Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, Titus 3:1 (ESV)	Fifth Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	St. Matthew Passion—Matthew 26:1—27:66
Tuesday	St. John Passion: Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-27
Wednesday	St. John Passion: Jesus Faces Pilate—John 18:28-40
Thursday	St. John Passion: Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24
Friday	St. John Passion: Jesus’ Side Is Pierced—John 19:25-42
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)

Acts 10:34–43 or Jer. 31:1–6; Col. 3:1–4; Matt. 28:1–10