

Congregation at Prayer May 7, 2017

Peter does what any good pastor should do. He preaches the Law, calls to our mind Christ example and thus calling us to repent. And then, Peter points us to our hope in Jesus, and how He as our Good Shepherd bore our wounds and redeems us. [1 Peter 2:19–25]

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: The Good Shepherd

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)

Proverbs 3:11–12 (ESV) My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline
or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father
the son in whom he delights.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

To Parents Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4	Kindergarten +
To Children Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and your mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Eph. 6:1–3	3rd Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	The Work of the Holy Spirit—John 16:5-15
Tuesday	The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14
Wednesday	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas's Office—Acts 1:12-26
Thursday	Peter's Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21
Friday	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36
Weekend	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Pray that the joy of the Resurrection would be seen in us; that the fruits of faith, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, would be evident in us and among us.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of your Baptism; for your calling and daily work; pray for your family members by name. Pray for those you know who are not yet believers in Jesus or who are unchurched that they would come to know and respond to the Savior's love for them.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance in the face of temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those caught in cycle of sinful behavior.

Wed: Pray for marriage and family: that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for families devastated by divorce; for parents who must raise children alone.

Thursday: Pray for Christ's Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for the faithful and fruitful use of Word and Sacrament among us.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Good News of His death and Resurrection in our neighborhoods and throughout the whole world. Pray for the sick and dying. Pray that you would have compassion for them and their families going through difficult days.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end for His people; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's gifts of Word and Sacrament.

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 12:1-9; Rom 4:1-8, 13-17; Jn 3:1-17