

Congregation at Prayer May 14, 2017

Mother's Day is a day set aside to honor all the special women in our lives: mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, spiritual "moms". They can and do have such a powerful impact in our lives. Yet, we know that because we live in a fallen world, sometimes they let us down and the impact is negative. In this service, we will see how family is intended to be a blessing and that when our physical families let us down, God works through our spiritual family, our family of faith, to fill in the gaps. [2 Timothy 1: 3-7; Matthew 19:13-15]

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 Impact of A Godly Woman

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)

Mark 10:45 (ESV) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

To Employers and Supervisors Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. Eph. 6:9	Kindergarten +
To Workers of All Kinds Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5-8	3rd Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Jesus Eats Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias—John 21:1-14
Tuesday	Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25
Wednesday	Baptize and Teach the Nations—Mt. 28:16-20
Thursday	Preach the Gospel—Mark 16:9-20

Friday	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples—Luke 24:44-53
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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14