

## Congregation at Prayer May 28, 2017

Peter focuses much of his attention on suffering in his first letter to the church. He reminds us that we should not rejoice in suffering because of wrong doing on our part. Meanwhile, if we should suffer for doing that which is good, we should bear it well even rejoice for being counted worthy to suffer on behalf of Jesus. There is another part though that Peter would have us do in the face of suffering. Recognize that suffering exists because the world is fallen, so when we suffer or witness suffering allow it to remind us of our own sin and need for forgiveness and thus repent.

### 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:

**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)  
Philippians 1:21 (ESV) For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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

<b>To Everyone</b>  The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9  I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1	<b>Kindergarten +</b>
<b>To Widows</b>  The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Tim. 5:5-6	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade +</b>

#### **Daily Bible Readings**

Monday	The Coming Persecution—John 15:26—16:4
Tuesday	The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12
Wednesday	Christ's Righteousness Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:13-20

Thursday	You Shall Not Murder—Matthew 5:21-26
Friday	You Shall Not Commit Adultery—Matthew 5:27-32
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.

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)

Num. 11:24–30

Acts 2:1–21

John 7:37–39