

## Congregation at Prayer June 11, 2017

All of God for you. But take away part, and it all crumbles down. We do not often think of the teaching of the Trinity and the nature of God and how He revealed Himself, but the teaching of the Trinity is foundational. Answering “Who is God?” will also tell us “How are we to be saved?” For the nature of God and the Gospel are inseparable. [Gen 1:1-2; 1:26-2:4; Acts 2:14, 2:22-36; Matthew 28:16-20]

### 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:** All of God for You

**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)  
John 3:5 (ESV) Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

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

<b>What is Baptism?</b>  Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.	<b>Kindergarten +</b>
<b>Which is that word of God?</b>  Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade +</b>

### **Daily Bible Readings**

Sunday	The New Birth—John 3:1-17
Monday	The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock—Matthew 7:15-29
Tuesday	Jesus Cleanses a Leper—Matthew 8:1-4
Wednesday	Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant—Matthew 8:5-13
Thursday	Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-law—Matthew 8:14-22
Friday	Jesus Stills the Storm—Matthew 8:23-27
Weekend	Looking Ahead

## **Daily Themes for Prayer:**

Sunday: Pray for those who help lead us in worship: our Pastors, our Elders, our organists, and Praise Team.

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)

Ex. 19:2–8

Rom. 5:6–15

Matt. 9:35—10:8 (9–20)