

Congregation at Prayer Aug 27, 2017

In our Gospel lesson today, we see Peter – one moment making a powerful confession of faith the next being chided by Jesus for his unbelief. We can learn much from Jesus response to Peter for those times in our lives when we are just like Peter, filled with contrasts and contradictions. [Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8; Mt 16:13-20]

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: Caught between faith and unbelief!

Invocation (Spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism)
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Learn by Heart Verse (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

Psalm 90:1–2 (ESV) Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>The First Commandment</p> <p>You shall have no other gods.</p> <p>The Second Commandment</p> <p>You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.</p>	<p>Kindergarten+</p>
<p>The First Commandment</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.</p> <p>The Second Commandment</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.</p>	<p>Third Grade +</p>

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14
Monday	Moses Receives the Law upon Tablets of Stone—Exodus 24:1-18
Tuesday	The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22
Wednesday	The Priestly Garments—Exodus 28:1-43
Thursday	The Ransom Money—Exodus 30:11-16
Friday	The Sabbath Law—Exodus 31:12-18
Saturday	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. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with the students and their families.

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)

Jer. 15:15–21

Rom. 12:9–21

Matt. 16:21–28