

Congregation at Prayer Sept 3, 2017

Vocation involves godly work, for through our various callings God provides us and our neighbors all manner of 1st Article gifts and even 2nd Article gifts. Therefore, vocations should be pleasant, right? Jeremiah would say no. He has good reason to ask, "Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?". [Jeremiah 15:15–21; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 16:21–28]

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)

Romans 1:16a For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

<p>The Third Commandment</p> <p>Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p> <p>The Fourth Commandment</p> <p>Honor your father and your mother.</p>	<p>Kindergarten+</p>
<p>Meaning of the Third Commandment</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</p> <p>Meaning of the Fourth Commandment</p> <p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them</p>	<p>Third Grade +</p>

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute—Mark 7:31-37
Monday	The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14
Tuesday	God’s Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Exodus 32:15-35
Wednesday	Lord Renews His Covenant with Israel—Ex.33:1-3 (4-5)
Thursday	Lord Renews His Covenant 34:1-10, 27-35
Friday	Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle—Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38
Saturday	Looking Ahead

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: Gracious Lord, in your compassion you seek not the death of the sinner but their repentance. Cause us to see with your eyes and heart so that we may have compassion for our neighbor – to feed them when they are hungry, to clothe them when they are cold, to speak the Law in love, and to console with the Gospel.

Monday: Holy Father, as Solomon asked for wisdom, we too ask that you make us wise so that we may see the Holy Spirit at work in our community and follow where he leads and to love our neighbor as you have called us.

Tuesday: Almighty Lord, You have called your people at Our Savior to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths we have not yet trod, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us.

Wednesday: Gracious Lord Jesus, help us to abide in You and in Your Word, so that by the power of the Spirit at work in us, we may bear fruit for You – the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and a fruitful witness to those we impact through our Words of witness and our compassionate acts of service to our neighbor.

Thursday: Lord Jesus, as You spent time in this world of ours preaching, teaching and healing, so help us to spend time with the people around us bringing them hope, healing and new life in Your name. As we speak with them and as we serve them in Your name, may they come to know You and Your grace in their lives.

Friday: Forgive us, Lord, for the times that we have had good intentions about sharing the Good News with others but have failed miserably because we were more focused on ourselves and our own needs and desires. Forgive us for the times that our efforts to reach others with the Gospel have been more about us than about them.

Saturday: Lord Jesus, You came into our world, not to condemn us, but to save us. You became flesh and blood so that we could see just how much God loves us. Help us to be “flesh and blood” examples of God’s love in our neighborhoods to the people who do not yet know You that they may come to know Your love and mercy.

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