

Congregation at Prayer Sept 10, 2017

In our Gospel lesson today, Jesus lays out the “YUGO principle” that helps guide us in living in God’s forgiveness with one another. Because we are both sinners and saints simultaneously, it is not a question of if we will sin against one another, but when. And so today we want to talk about how to handle these kinds of offenses in a God-pleasing way that leads to reconciliation. [Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Mt 18:1-20]

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: living in forgiveness

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)

Mark 10:7–9 (ESV) ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

From the Catechism (Read together and discuss briefly)

The Fifth Commandment You shall not murder. The Sixth Commandment You shall not commit adultery.	Kindergarten+
The Meaning of the Fifth Commandment <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. The Meaning of the Sixth Commandment <i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.	Third Grade +

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:23-37
Monday	The Burnt Offering—Leviticus 1:1-17
Tuesday	The Sin Offering—Leviticus (4:1-2) 5:1-10 (11-13)

Wednesday	The Restitution Offering—Leviticus 5:(14-16) 17—6:7
Thursday	The Ministry of the Priests Begins—Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24
Friday	The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu—Leviticus 10:1-7
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)

Ezek. 33:7–9

Rom. 13:1–10

Matt. 18:1–20