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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

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*The Week of the Festival of All Saints'*

*October 27-November 2, 2015*

## THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. If able, the head of the home should take the role of "Leader" (L) and the family the role of "Congregant" (C). The whole family should try to learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

**Theme: *Love is the Fulfillment of the Law***

### INVOCATION

**L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### APOSTLES' CREED

### VERSE

*1 John 4:9*

**L** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world,

**C** that we might live through Him.

### DAILY PSALM

*The leader may read the appointed Psalm for the day. If applicable, members of the family may take turns reading the Psalm for the Day.*

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning	37	40	42,43	45	48,49	51	54,56
Evening	38	39,41	44	46,47	50	52,53	55

### PSALM PRAYER

**L** Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**C** Amen.

<p><b>L</b> What is the First Article?</p> <p><b>C</b> I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.</p>	Preschool +
<p><b>L</b> What does this mean?</p> <p><b>C</b> I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind, and all my abilities.</p>	First Grade +
<p><b>C</b> And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.</p>	Second Grade +

DAILY READINGS

	Bible Stories for the Family		Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	Solomon builds the Temple	1 Kings 6:1,7,11-30	Ezekiel 22-23
Wednesday	The Ark of the Covenant is brought into the Temple	1 Kings 8:1-21	Ezekiel 24
Thursday	Solomon's Prayer at the Temple dedication	1 Kings 8:22-40	Ezekiel 25-27
Friday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Epistle	Revelation 7:9-17	Ezekiel 28
Saturday	Look-ahead to Sunday's Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Ezekiel 29-31
Sunday	God's Word to Solomon	1 Kings 9:1-9	Ezekiel 32
Monday	The Queen of Sheba and Solomon's wealth	1 Kings 10:1-13	Ezekiel 33-34

PRAYERS

*Collect for the Week of the Commemoration of the Lutheran Reformation.*

**L** Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Tuesday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Wednesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling sin.*
- Thursday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for single persons, that they may be at peace in their lives and realize God's plan for them.*
- Friday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*
- Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

## In Our Prayers this Week

*Richard Harp, as he continues to recover from surgery and has begun the process of rehabilitation.*

*Delores Adelung, as she continues to deal with health issues and recover from surgery.*

*Arleta Bauch, for continued strength and patience as she continues to deal with heart complications.*

*Our shut-ins, that they may be comforted in their loneliness by your gracious presence.*

*Abby Hansen, as she celebrates her birthday this week.*

*The congregation of Christ in Grand Island, NE, as they continue to issue calls to fill their vacant pastor position.*

*Marinda Ledermann, wife of seminary student, Gunnar Ledermann, who suffered a stroke cause by cranial bleeding.*

*For our congregation's Trunk-or-Treat event, that it may be a success and reach out to many in the community.*

*Brent and Judy Meyer as they celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

### Morning

**C** In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Evening

**C** In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## HYMN

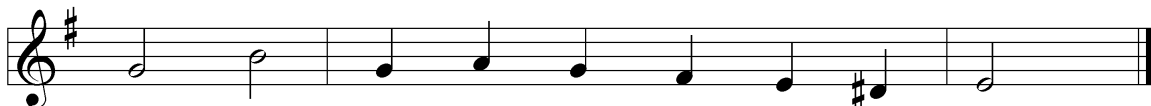
*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* | CW 203



1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are  
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and



by de- ceit or sword Would seek to o-ver-throw your  
Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend your Chris-ten-dom that  
u-ni-ty on earth. Sup-port us in our fi-nal



Son And to de- stroy what he has done.  
we May sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

<sup>1</sup> Luther, in his *Small Catechism*, encourages Christians who pray the Morning and Evening prayers: "In the morning when you get up and in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross over your head and heart and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"