

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For Holy Week

March 29, 2026 through April 4, 2026

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray out loud as much as you are able, and as your family size and ages dictate.

Theme of the Week: Christ Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin

Invocation

Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or

maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your

neighbor.

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Verse: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Psalm of the Week: 118:19 – 29

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Palm Sunday: Matthew 26:1 – 27:66	Jeremiah 17 – 20
Monday	Holy Monday: John 12:27 – 43	Jeremiah 21 – 24
Tuesday	Holy Tuesday: Mark 14:1 – 15:47	Jeremiah 25 – 28
Wednesday	Holy Wednesday: Luke 22:1 – 23:56	Jeremiah 29 – 32
Thursday	Maundy Thursday: 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 32	Jeremiah 33 – 36
Friday	Good Friday: John 18:1 – 19:42	Jeremiah 37 – 39:10
Saturday	Holy Saturday: Daniel 6:1 – 24	Jeremiah 52

The Catechism – The Table of Duties: Of Civil Government

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer."

Rom 13:1–4

Prayers

Sunday thru Wednesday: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Thursday: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Friday: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the Cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Saturday: O God, creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

The Church: Our congregation, Pastor Andrew Gerike, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, President Matthew Harrison, The Nebraska District and President Richard Snow, our seminaries, our sister churches, especially in Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Finland, Chile; *The World:* Our Nation, President, Governor, Mayor, all public servants, and the armed forces, peace in the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Missions:* Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Our homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Norma Kelly, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jessica Whirrett, Shayla Gerike; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Larry Ashe, Jean Young, Jean Babel, Hayes Gonzalez, Genelle Rohe, Nancy Goesch, Ezra Venteicher, Art Huntley, Pat Helmke, Jeremy Long, Kitty Schamber, Chuck Masilko, thanksgiving for successful surgery for Ryan Schamber

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Morning: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Hymn of the Month: 455 *The Royal Banners Forward Go*

Looking forward to The Resurrection of Our Lord

Job 19:23 – 27 1 Corinthians 5:7 – 8 Mark 16:1 – 8
Hymns: 457, 460, 467, 633, 458, 461, 741, 466, TLH 207, 463