

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

*For the week of the Last Sunday of the Church Year*

**November 21, 2021 through November 27, 2021**

**Notes for the Week:** *How shall we be ready for the day of the Lord's coming? We are to watch, that is, to live by faith in His Word alone. For the lamp is God's Word which lights our path, and the oil is the Holy Spirit who anoints us with joy and gladness. All who have been baptized into Christ have been anointed with the Holy Spirit, but those who do not live by the bright light of the preached Word and Sacrament will be separated out, for they have fallen into unbelief. All the baptized fall asleep in death and all flesh will be raised up at the day of judgment, but only those who have "watched" by being filled up with the preached Word and Sacrament will stand. Those who live through His Divine Service are the elect over whom the Shepherd Himself watches so that they do not fall away. They do not lack the oil of the Spirit for they have received it without cost when they are fed by the hand of the Shepherd Himself at His altar and from His pulpit.*

## 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: The Second Coming of Christ***

#### ***Invocation***

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### ***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:** No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21).

#### ***Psalm of the Week: 143***

#### ***Daily Readings***

Sunday, November 21

Monday, November 22

Tuesday, November 23

Wednesday, November 24

Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26

Matthew 25:1 – 13 *The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins*

Luke 11:1 – 13 *Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray*

Matthew 8:5 – 13 *The Centurion Prays to Jesus For His Servant*

Matthew 15:21 – 28 *A Canaanite Woman Prays for Her Daughter*

Philippians 4:6 – 20 *St. Paul's Thanksgiving to God*

Luke 12:13 – 21 *Do Not Treasure the Things of This World*

***The Catechism – The Lord's Prayer****What is the Second Petition? What does this mean?*

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*What is the Third Petition? What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

***Prayers***

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and President Matthew Harrison, The Nebraska District and President Richard Snow, our seminaries, sister churches, Pastor Andrew Gerike, Pastor Jeff Duncan; *The World:* Our Nation, President, Governor, Mayor, all public servants, and the armed forces; *Our missionaries:* Daniel, Kathy, & Ana Conrad; *Our homebound:* Ruta Baesler, Pat Helmke, Ken & Joanne Jones, Betty Popek, Jonas Sarka, Jean Schwalm, Raymond Stevens, Louise Sullivan; *All others in need:* Paul Luedeman, Cliff Doll, Dick Chappell, Paula Bruckner, Jeff Wollberg, Char Stokey, Joe Kresnik, Doug Fusselman, Dave Bandi, Hazel Harpster (sister of Paula Rasmuss, diagnosed with cancer), Ashley Nigro, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wildwood, MO

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 for November***

*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* LSB 508

***Looking forward to the First Sunday in Advent:***

Jeremiah 23:5–8      Romans 13:11–14      Matthew 21:1–9

Hymns: 340, 332, 621, 343, 350, 335