

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

January 24th through January 30th, 2021

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. Learn by heart the selection from the catechism and memory verse for the week.

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

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism – 5th Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Large Catechism: The Fifth Petition has to do with our poor, miserable life. Although we have God's Word and believe, although we obey and submit to his will and are nourished by God's gift and blessing, nevertheless we are not without sin. Here again there is great need to call upon God and pray: "Dear Father, forgive us our debts." Not that he does not forgive sins even apart from and before our praying; for before we prayed for it or even thought about it, he gave us the gospel, in which there is nothing but forgiveness. But the point here is for us to recognize and accept this forgiveness. For the flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature that it does not trust and believe God and is constantly aroused by evil desires and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed, in acts of commission and omission. Thus our conscience becomes restless; it fears God's wrath and displeasure, and so it loses the comfort and confidence of the gospel.

Therefore it is necessary constantly to run to this petition and get the comfort that will restore our conscience. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:23-24).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord Matthew 17:1-9		Psalm 5
Monday	Jonah Is Swallowed by the Great Fish Jonah 1:1–2:10	Romans 6:1-14	Psalm 6
Tuesday	The Sign of Jonah Matthew 12:38-45	Jonah 2:1-10	Psalm 7
Wednesday	Jesus Walks on the Water Matthew 14:22-36	Colossians 2:11-15	Psalm 8
Thursday	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet John 13:1-15	1 Corinthians 6:9-11	Psalm 9
Friday	Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin Luke 15:1-10	Isaiah 1:16-18	Psalm 10
Saturday	The Israelites Demand Water Exodus 17:1-7	1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5	Psalm 11

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

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Our Synod:** Matthew (Synod President), Timothy (District President), Aaron (Circuit Visitor). **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those Who Are Expecting:** Nicole Goolsby. **Those Recovering from Illness and Surgery:** Sharon Hanke, Rhonda Morgan (Karen Yardley's mother), Sam Tepe (Angie Siddell's brother), Barb Mueller. **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Randy Zimmermann, Rodney Tate, Todd Twenhafel (son-in-law of Roger & Joan Knolhoff, ongoing cancer treatments). **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 26th Jason Brammeier,

Judy Schultz, 28th Katie Zimmermann, 29th Tyler Albers, Elizabeth Terry, 30th Carson French, Dennis Kleiboeker. **For Area Schools:** That faculty and students may delight in teaching and learning, and that they may be kept safe from the pandemic. **For Government Officials:** Joe Biden (President), JB Pritzker (Governor), and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. **For the World:** That God would deliver us from pestilence, sedition, rebellion, and strife.

Look upon them with 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, Your Son, our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)

Hymn of the Week: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair (LSB 413)