

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of Sexagesima

February 7th through February 13th, 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 – 7th Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Large Catechism: In the Greek this petition reads, “Deliver or preserve us from the Evil One, or the Wicked One.” It seems to be speaking of the devil as the sum of all evil in order that the entire substance of our prayer may be directed against our archenemy. For it is he who obstructs everything for which we ask: God’s name or honor, God’s kingdom and will, our daily bread, a good and cheerful conscience, etc. Nevertheless, this petition includes all the evil that may befall us under the devil’s kingdom: poverty, disgrace, death, and, in short, all the tragic misery and heartache, of which there is so incalculably much on earth. Thus you see how God wants us to pray to him for everything that attacks even our bodily welfare so that we seek and expect help from no one but him. But he has placed at the end this petition, for if we are to be protected and delivered from all evil, his name must first be hallowed in us, his kingdom come among us, and his will be done. In the end he will preserve us from sin and disgrace and from everything else that harms or injures us. – *Large Catechism*

Memory Verse – The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever more (Psalm 121:7-8).

Daily Readings	Bible Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed Luke 8:4-15		Psalm 19
Monday	Jesus Forgives the Paralytic Matthew 9:1-13	2 Corinthians 4:1-15	Psalm 20
Tuesday	Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Matthew 9:35–10:20, 40	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Psalm 21
Wednesday	Holy Absolution for the Erring Brother Matthew 18:14-22	Romans 10:8-17	Psalm 22
Thursday	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:21-35	1 John 1:5-10	Psalm 23
Friday	Paul Addresses Ephesian Pastors Acts 20:26-32	Galatians 6:1-5	Psalm 24
Saturday	Strengthen the Weak Hands Isaiah 35:3-7	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Psalm 25

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 Undergoing Medical Treatment:** Mindy Wicklander (Sam & Angie Siddell’s daughter). **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:** 9th Gage Gehrs, Sherri Williams, 11th Darrell Brink. **Anniversaries:** 11th Matt & Angie Nolte. **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: May God Bestow on Us His Grace (LSB 823)