

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following Quinquagesima
(Feb. 27th – March 5th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

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This week we begin a new catechetical emphasis: The Lord's Prayer. There are a lot of misconceptions about prayer. Christians today say that prayer begins with us. They believe we set the agenda and can bend God's will to ours if we pray hard enough. Yet, prayer doesn't begin with us. Prayer rests upon the foundation of God's Word. God gives us the words to pray. In fact, every petition of the Lord's Prayer are promises that God gives to us for Christ's sake. Through the blood of Jesus, we have been made children of God, and we have the privilege to call upon our Heavenly Father with all boldness and confidence. So, over the next three months, we will be examining the most important biblical text from which we might understand the privilege of prayer. God bless your time in His Word!

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

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time Luke 18:31-43		Psalm 33
Monday	Ask, Seek and Knock Matthew 7:7-8	2 Peter 1:16-21	Psalm 34
Tuesday	Pray Without Ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	2 Peter 2:1-11	Psalm 35
Wednesday	Jesus Prays in Gethsemane Matthew 26:36-46	2 Peter 3:1-18	Psalm 36
Thursday	Do Not Be Anxious Philippians 4:6	Jude 1:1-11	Psalm 37
Friday	Give Thanks to the LORD Psalm 136:1-3	Jude 1:12-25	Psalm 38
Saturday	Genesis 3:1-21	Hebrews 4:14-16	Psalm 39

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** For each day's reading, answer the following questions: 1) What does the reading teach about prayer? What are we to do? What does God promise to do? What in the reading is a demand of us? What in the reading is a promise? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Church: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia, Trinity Lutheran Church-Hoffman. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Elizabeth Boldt (niece of Susan Kleiboeker), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink, Eddie Hermsmeyer, Glenn Knolhoff. **Those in Need of Healing:** Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Kathy Bookstaver (friend of Judy Kleiboeker), Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Adrienne Gonzalez (2/27), Melvin Lange (2/28), Ryan Albers (2/28), Hayden Hoffmann (2/29), Vernon Freund, Jackie Yardley (3/3), Tim Boeker, Eric Hanke, Randy Zimmermann (3/4), George Nolte (3/5).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

Hymn of the Week: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LSB 685)