

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of the Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)
(March 13th – March 19th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Lord's Prayer – 1st Petition

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Our focus on The Lord's Prayer continues this week with the 1st Petition: Hallowed Be Thy Name. To be sure, the name of Jesus is the name which is above all names. It is holy, by itself, and there is nothing man can do to make it less holy. However, we do pray that we who claim the name of the Lord would live lives by which His name would be kept holy among us, and so be seen as a name unlike any name by those to whom we bear witness. The true teaching of the Word of God in His name, and the holy lives which Christian lead, are indeed the way in which His name is kept holy among us. And so we pray that, in fact, His holy name would be kept holy among us!

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 – 1st Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. *How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Canaanite Woman Cries Out to Jesus Matthew 15:21-28		Psalm 47
Monday	The Use of the Lord's Name Exodus 20:7	1 Corinthians 2:1-9	Psalm 48
Tuesday	Blessing/Blaspheming the Name of the Lord Psalm 103:1 & Romans 2:23-24	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Psalm 49
Wednesday	Peter Denies Jesus Matthew 26:69-75	Genesis 18:23-32	Psalm 50
Thursday	Letting Your Light Shine Matthew 5:13-16	1 Cor. 15:12-28	Psalm 51
Friday	A Manner Worthy of Your Calling Ephesians 4:1	1 Peter 3:13-22	Psalm 52

Saturday	Jeremiah 26:1-15	Ephesians 5:1-9	Psalm 53
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Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** For each days' reading, discuss the following questions: 1) In what way is the name of God hallowed, or profaned, in the reading? 2) What does the reading teach us about God's name? 3) What do we learn from the reading about how we might keep God's name holy among us? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. (Philippians 2:9-10)

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. **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:** Bryanna French (3/14), Lois Pigg, Kaleb Kleiboeker (3/15), Sara Hanks (3/17), Kit Milano, Mason Schultz (3/18). **Anniversaries:** Jeff & Kathy Brink (3/15), Darrell & Dawn Brink (3/19). **The people of Ukraine,** and wisdom and guidance for the governments of the world in dealing with the crisis of Russia's invasion.

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

Hymn of the Week: When in the Hour of Deepest Need (LSB 615)