

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter
(May 15th–May 21st)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

Daily Prayer

This Week’s Catechetical Theme: Daily Prayer

Today we begin a new focus for our weekly catechetical themes, and it’s one you may not be too familiar with. Did you know that, included in the text of the Small Catechism, Martin Luther gives us a pattern for prayer? Did you know that he lays out a suggested routine for morning and evening prayer? Of course, most of us grew up praying “The Common Table Prayer,” but Luther himself provides a prayer to use before and after meals. Over the summer, we will examine Luther’s pattern for Daily Prayer, and also give some thought to the gifts Christ gives in the Divine Service. God bless your devotion 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: Morning Prayer

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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	I Have Overcome the World John 16:23-30		Psalm 109
Monday	Give Ear to My Words Psalm 5	2 Corinthians 9	Psalm 110
Tuesday	Evening and Morning Psalm 55	2 Corinthians 10	Psalm 111
Wednesday	In the Morning Psalm 88	2 Corinthians 11	Psalm 112
Thursday	Hear My Prayer, O LORD Psalm 143	2 Corinthians 12	Psalm 113

Friday	Morning by Morning Psalm 50:4-9	2 Corinthians 13	Psalm 114
Saturday	Ezekiel 36:22-28	1 Peter 4:7-14	Psalm 115

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** Use the following questions to initiate discussion about each day's reading: 1) What does the day's passage reveal about prayer? 2) What does it say about the morning? 3) What expectation does the passage teach us to have of the LORD regarding our prayers? 4) Is there any command, or threat of punishment found in the passage? 5) What comfort is drawn from the passage? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Those in the Armed Forces. For Our High School Graduates: Anna Childress, Bryanna French, Hayden Hoffmann, Keaton Langenhorst, Karlie Schilling. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Corinne Bradley, Shaelyn Huels (Caroline & Randy Tate's daughter). **For Those Who Mourn:** The family and friends of Gage Rollinson & Adler Waterbury (great nephews of Jackie & Calvin Yardley), the family and friends of Kevin Wessel. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Ali Schubel (6th grader at Carlyle), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink. **Those in Need of Healing:** Bonnie Carroll (Calvin & Jackie Yardley's niece), Carolyn Freund, Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Samantha Zimmermann (5/22), Jennifer Brink (5/25), Sara Kuper (5/26), Eli Kuper, Opal Jones, Hudson Hanke (5/27), Michael Brinkmann (5/28).

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

Hymn of the Week: Our Father, Who From Heaven Above (LSB 766)