

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
Septuagesima (January 28th – February 3rd)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

On the 3rd Petition, Martin Luther writes the following: "We have this comfort and confidence: the devil's will and purpose and all our enemies shall and must fail and come to nothing, no matter how proud, secure, and powerful they know themselves to be. For if their will were not broken and hindered, God's kingdom could not remain on earth nor His name be hallowed" (LC III, 70). The Devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, these three seek to destroy us and God's Kingdom. And so we pray in this petition that the LORD, who desires all to be saved, would break and hinder every evil plan, so that His will would be done among us. This is the theme of this week's study. 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: *3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer*

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16	-----	Psalm 97
Monday	Our Enemy the Devil Genesis 3:1-7 & 1 Peter 5:8	1 Kings 13	Psalm 98
Tuesday	Our Enemies: The Word & The Flesh 1 John 2:15-17	1 Kings 14	Psalm 99
Wednesday	Evil Meant for Good Genesis 50:15-21	1 Kings 15	Psalm 100
Thursday	God's Enemies are Helpless Psalm 2	1 Kings 16	Psalm 101

Friday	God Protects Us from Evil Romans 16:20 & 2 Tim. 1:12	1 Kings 17	Psalm 102
Saturday	The Compassion of the Lord Isaiah 55:10-13	Hebrews 4:9-13	Psalm 103

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 is the evil revealed in the passage? 2) What does the evil seek to do? 3) How is the evil a danger to us? 4) In what way is the evil limited, or even deterred? 5) Who, or what, is the source of our protection from evil? 6) What can we learn from this passage? 7) What comfort does this passage provide? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:40)

In Our Prayers this Week

For Circuit Vacancies: Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Matt Nolte, Curtis French, Norma Rueter, and Mark Kleiboeker, Ross Withrow (Grandson of Sam & Angie Siddell), Beth Jones (Pastor Jones' Wife) **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments/Testing:** Eli Kuper, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann.

Baptismal Birthday: Katherine Zimmermann (1/28), Elizabeth Terry, Tyler Albers (1/29), Dennis Kleiboeker, Carson French (1/30), Barb Mueller (2/3);

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

Hymn of the Week: Salvation unto Us Has Come (LSB 555)