

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following  
Quinquagesima (February 11<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

***6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions of the Lord's Prayer***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions of the Lord's Prayer**

Our Catechetical focus is on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions. About the 6<sup>th</sup> Petition, "And lead us not into temptation," Luther writes the following in the Large Catechism: "Temptation...is of three kinds: of the flesh, of the world, and of the devil. For we dwell in the flesh and carry the old Adam about our neck. ...Next comes the world, which offends us in word and deed. It drives us to anger and impatience. ...Then comes the devil, pushing and provoking in all directions. But he especially agitates matters that concern the conscience and spiritual affairs. ...This, then, is what "lead us not into temptation" means. It refers to times when God gives us power and strength to resist the temptation [1 Corinthians 10:13]."

About the 7<sup>th</sup> Petition, "But deliver us from evil," Luther writes the following in the Large Catechism: "In the Greek text this petition reads, 'Deliver or preserve us from the evil one,' or 'the hateful one.' It looks like Jesus was speaking about the devil, like He would summarize every petition in one. So the entire substance of all our prayer is directed against our chief enemy. For it is he who hinders among us everything that we pray for: God's name or honor, God's kingdom and will, our daily bread, a cheerful good conscience, and so forth." So it is that the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions of the Lord's Prayer are the focus of the week's devotional material. 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:** *6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions of the Lord's Prayer*

**And lead us not into temptation.** *What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory."

**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.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time Luke 18:31-43		Psalm 111

<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Temptation of Eve Genesis 3:1-13</b>	<b>2 Kings 1</b>	<b>Psalm 112</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Joseph Overcomes Temptation Genesis 39:1-20</b>	<b>2 Kings 2</b>	<b>Psalm 113</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Lion's den Daniel 6:1-28</b>	<b>2 Kings 3</b>	<b>Psalm 114</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Paul, Silas, and the Jailer Acts 16:25-34</b>	<b>2 Kings 4</b>	<b>Psalm 115</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Fiery Furnace Daniel 3:8-30</b>	<b>2 Kings 5</b>	<b>Psalm 116</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Fall Genesis 3:1-21</b>	<b>Jesus the Great High Priest Hebrews 4:14-16</b>	<b>Psalm 117</b>

### 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: Does this reading deal with the 6th or 7th Petition? If it deals with the 6th Petition, who is undergoing the trial, from whom is it given, and is this trial a test in order to strengthen or a temptation in order to destroy? If it deals with the 7th Petition, who is suffering evil, to what is the one suffering evil pointed, is the one who suffering evil delivered from it, and if so, from whom does the deliverance come? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**For Circuit Vacancies:** Faith Lutheran (Flora), Trinity Lutheran (Iuka), Faith Lutheran (Mt. Vernon), Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **For Those Expecting:** Vanessa Hanke. **For Those in Need of Healing:** Matt Nolte, Norma Rueter, Mark Kleiboeker, Carolyn Fruend, Ross Withrow (Grandson of Sam & Angie Siddell), and 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:** Darrell Brink (2/11), Brian Edwards (2/17); **Wedding Anniversaries:** Matt & Angie Nolte (2/11);

### 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)