

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
The First Sunday in Lent (Invocabit) (February 18th – February 24th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME: *Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer*

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer

On the Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer, Luther writes in the Large Catechism, "...all depends upon this, that we learn also to say 'Amen.' This means that we do not doubt that our prayer is surely heard and that what we pray shall be done. This is nothing else than the word of undoubting faith, which does not pray on a dare but knows that God does not lie to him. For He has promised to grant it" (LC III 119). 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: *Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer*

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, means, "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Temptation of Jesus Matthew 4:1-11		Psalm 118
Monday	Call Upon Me Psalm 50:15	2 Kings 6	Psalm 119
Tuesday	The LORD Hears Proverbs 15:29	2 Kings 7	Psalm 120
Wednesday	Asking and Receiving Luke 11:5-13	2 Kings 8	Psalm 121
Thursday	Power to Give/Worthy of Praise Eph. 3:20-21 & Psalm 113:4-5	2 Kings 9	Psalm 122
Friday	Forget Not His Benefits Psalm 103:2-3	2 Kings 10	Psalm 123
Saturday	The Golden Calf Genesis 32:22-32	A Life Pleasing to God 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7	Psalm 124

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 the LORD? 2) What does it reveal about you? 3) Is there any command, or threat of punishment? 4) Is there any promise, or assurance of blessing? 5) What does the passage have to inform us regarding prayer? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. (Psalm 50:15)

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 Freund, 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:** Norman Rueter (2/18), Jill Schilling, Lynn Michael (2/19), Jason Brinkmann (2/20), Wayne Brink, Chase Roethemeyer (2/22), Janette Albers (2/24);

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

Hymn of the Season: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (LSB 438)