

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Devotions in the Home

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28-May 4, 2024

The Order of Daily Prayer

As the Head of the Household should lead his family in a simple way.

Pray as much of "The Order of Daily Prayer" as you are able or your family size dictates. Learn by heart the Bible Verse, the Catechism, and the Hymn for the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, he descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Psalm *Psalm 130*

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday: [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#) – The Ministry of Reconciliation

Monday: [1 Timothy 1:18-20](#) – Retaining Sins

Tuesday: [Ezekiel 34:1-10](#) – Wicked Shepherds

Wednesday: [John 21:15-19](#) – Feed My Sheep

Thursday: [Luke 10:1-16](#) – He Who Hears You, Hears Me

Friday: [Luke 15:1-10](#) – Joy In Heaven over the Repentant

Saturday: [John 15:9-17](#)– Love One Another

Memory Work

Bible Verse

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (*Matthew 16:19*)

Catechism

The Office of the Keys

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Hymn

“As Surely as I Live,” God Said (LSB 614, stz. 7-8)

All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.

Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!

Prayers

Collect of the Week

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregational Prayer List

O Lord, hear our prayers and supplications on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ, namely:

Bethany Lutheran Church

Rev. Seth Clemmer
Rev. Stephen Schumacher
Rev. Emmett Bartens
Kantor Jonathan Swett
Beth Hahn
Pam Kolzow
Sue Jablonsky
Tom Mueller

Those in Physical Need

Eric Burnell
Aiden Goldbeck
Sarah Lieb
Lydia Florez
Elizabeth Hildahl
Anne Holtz
Rochelle Shapland

Our Shut-ins

Roger & Charlene Fiene
Marilyn Groth
Bruce Janken
Solomon Robert
Nancy Skibinski
Chuck & Monika
Werner
David & Ann Zielke

Mothers with Child

Jaimie Bartens
Rachael Skudlarek
Hannah Baker
Ashling Kraft
Brittany Linnemeyer
Kelli Lynch
Sierra Meyer
Kirsten Renn
Brooke Schmidt
Erika Vignos

Armed Forces

Quinn Parlier
Jacob Wilson
Andrew Bear
Matthew Hinze
Michael Hinze
Peter Johnson
Savanna Lugay
Conor McGavern
Aaron Mock
Kyle Schmidt
Scott Slown
Nicholas Camm-Williams

Bethany Lutheran School

Erin Dunwell
Chad Baganz
Grant Baganz
Elizabeth Balla
Jennifer Blackmar
Alex Clasen
Lauren Cole
Patty Compton
Tess Daskas
Traci Downs
Linda Fox
Erin Gavin
Kristin Gemkow
Diane Green
Andreina Guerra
Kim Helm
Cindy Hoekema
Gabby Honn
Kari Janetzke
Jennifer Jiminez
Justine Kaczmarek
Angie McKissick
Angela Mosshamer
Sara Reed
Stephanie Ryan
Carole Staunch
Michelle Stehle
Suzanne Teske

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Morning/Evening Prayer

Morning: 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.

Evening: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.

