

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity  
August 13, 2017 through August 20, 2017*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week—The Sixth Petition—Faith in Christ’s Righteousness Brings True Freedom**—It is by the gift of Christ’s righteousness that we are delivered from every evil. This is why faith continues to pray that God would preserve us in His forgiveness against all evil. Satan’s desire is to tempt us away from the free gift of the righteousness of Christ. When our faith moves away from Christ’s righteousness, then false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice come into our hearts and lives. So the faith that receives Christ’s righteousness is always calling upon Him in prayer to preserve us in the freedom of His righteousness.

## The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week. Use the Lutheran Service Book hymnal. Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families begins on page 294, including simple orders of prayer for Morning, Noon, Evening, and Close of Day.

## Theme: Jesus Has Cancelled Our Debt of Sin before God

### Invocation

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

### Apostles’ Creed

Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

**No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man;  
but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,  
but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.**

Psalm 54 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Lord, our God, who desires not the death of the wicked, convert those who hate us without a cause, and turn the hearts of those who persecute Your Christians. Protect the poor and the innocent against the oppression of unjust men. Grant us patience under the cross, and preserve us in the true faith all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129
Evening	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130

### Readings for the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Second Reading
Sunday	The Parable of the Unjust Steward—Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:1-9
Monday	Jesus Cleanses the Temple—Matthew 21:12-17	2 Corinthians 8:1-24
Tuesday	The Fruitless Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-27	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Wednesday	The Parable of the Two Sons—Matthew 21:28-32	2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Thursday	The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Matthew 21:33-46	2 Corinthians 11:1-18
Friday	The Parable of the Wedding Feast—Matthew 22:1-14	2 Corinthians 12:19—13:13
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday’s readings	Galatians 1:1-24
Sunday	Sunday’s readings	Luke 19:41-48

### The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—Sixth Petition

What is the Sixth Petition? <b>And lead us not into temptation.</b>	Preschool +
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.	Third Grade +

### Prayers: Collect for the Week, Catechism Prayers, and In Our Prayers at Peace

#### Prayer on the Sixth Petition

Heavenly Father, lead us out of temptation. 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- Monday:** Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.
- Tuesday:** Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.
- Wednesday:** Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
- Thursday:** Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.
- Friday:** Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
- Saturday:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

## In Our Prayers this Week

Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

Ken and Laura Knoerr, reunited in Holy Matrimony, on August 8, 2017.

For the sick and recovering: Michael Schaff, recovering from surgery; Lisa Eldridge, receiving treatment for cancer; Judy Jones, recuperating at Manor Care; Dee Grossman, recuperating at Franciscan Woods.

Elaine Boetcher in hospice care

## Collect for the week of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity:

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

### Hymn of the Week

### "What Is the World to Me"

730

## Looking forward to the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

August 20, 2017

**Hymns:** 909, 644, 620, 502, 540, 873

**Jeremiah 7:1-11:** What characterized Judah's fall from faith were impenitence and the absence of the preaching of repentance by the priests and prophets of the land. Those few, like Jeremiah, who did call the people to repentance were persecuted, imprisoned or killed. Those who spoke as if all was well in the land were elevated to positions of prominence. The Lord will not have His Word set aside. The call to repentance is necessary. Without it, no one can come to faith or receive the salvation of the Lord.

**Romans 9:30—10:4:** "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." What does this mean? Answer: The Law not only describes and defines love and what is good, but also demands punishment and retribution for those who have transgressed it. "Christ is the end of the law" in the sense that the law finds its "end" or "completion" or "fulfillment" in Jesus and His work. He is the one who is incarnate love and goodness, whose love was ultimately manifested in bearing the punishment of the law for sinners. This is the righteousness of God. Those who seek to establish "their own righteousness" apart from Christ and that which comes by faith are outside the kingdom of God and cannot be saved. Those who believe in Christ have His righteousness, or the "end of the law" in Him.

**Luke 19:41-48:** Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41-48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord" (Jer. 7:1-11; 8:4-12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30-10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grants us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor. 12:1-11).