

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity
August 9 through August 16, 2020*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 88—A Prayer for Salvation from Overwhelming Trouble—There are times in life in which even the Christian can be overwhelmed with trouble of every kind to the extent that there appears to be no help or deliverance for him. Psalm 88 gives voice to such times. The psalmist declares that his soul is full of troubles. He has no strength. He feels God’s wrath. His friends have abandoned him. He is all alone. He stands on the precipice of death. He suffers the terrors of being cast off by God. Yet in the face of such despondency and apparent hopelessness, faith clings to the Lord and cries out to Him for deliverance: “O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles... LORD, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You ... and in the morning my prayer comes before You.” For the Christian who has ever experienced what the psalmist confesses, Psalm 88 is of great comfort because it not only gives voice to such despondency, but it is also the proper prayer because it is given to us by God that we might wait upon Him for the strength to endure and for the deliverance we need. In the end, the Lord hears our prayers and will not abandon the one who puts his hope in Him.

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.

Theme: With the Merciful You Will Show Yourself Merciful.

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 88 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty and most merciful God, in this earthly life we endure sufferings and death before we enter into glory. Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Your holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith to the end of our lives that we may know the peace and joy of the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	66	68	71	73	75, 76	78	80	82, 84
Evening	67, 70	69	72	74	77	79	81	83

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Trinity 9: The Unjust Steward—Luke 16:1-13	
Monday	Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight—Matthew 20:29-34	Isaiah 52:7-10
Tuesday	Jesus Cleanses the Temple—Matthew 21:12-17	Isaiah 52:13—53:6
Wednesday	The Fruitless Fig Tree—Matthew 21:18-27	Isaiah 53:7-12
Thursday	The Parable of the Two Sons—Matthew 21:28-32	Isaiah 54:1-10, 17
Friday	The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers—Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 55:1-5
Saturday	The Parable of the Wedding Feast—Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 55:6-13
	St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord: Luke 1:46-55	

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—Sixth Petition

What is the Sixth Petition? And lead us not into temptation.	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: Catechism Prayers, In Our Prayers at Peace, and the Collect for the Week

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.

In Our Prayers this Week

Baptismal Birthdays: Katie Fischer (8/9); Bryce Damato, Jacob Bender (8/10); Jennifer Johnson, Jessica Franklin, Caleb Ligrow (8/12); Mark Schneider (8/14).

Wedding Anniversaries: Rev. Robert and Louise Johnson, Ken and Laura Knoerr (8/8); Joseph and Elisabeth Schneider, Alex and Jennifer Scheler (8/10); Steve and Joanne LaSage (8/13).

Deliverance from pestilence, sedition, and rebellion.

The sick and the recovering: Katie Fischer and her unborn baby; Roger Laubenstein; David Berger;

Jeremy LaFore suffering with ALS; and Hadley Schumacher, granddaughter of Rev. Steven Schumacher, released from the hospital.

Those receiving cancer treatment: Shirley Alvaro, sister-in-law of Mary Schneider; and Harlan Petersen.

In hospice care: Lois Verage.

Those who mourn: family and friends of Kurt Scheler, father of Alex Scheler, and Tom Jahnke, brother-in-law of Donna Lovas, who mourn their deaths.

Collect for 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.

Collect for St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, 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”

LSB 730

Looking forward to the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

August 16, 2020

Hymns: 834, 644, 659, 540, 935

Jeremiah 8:4-12: The prophet Jeremiah warns of the peril of false teaching.

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 it 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).