

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of All Saints'

November 3, 2024, through November 10, 2024

Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Still Small Voice of the Lord is Powerful to Save — While the Prophet Elijah was isolated in a cave in the wilderness upon Mount Horeb, the Lord appeared to Him to strengthen him under the suffering of being hunted down by Queen Jezebel. The Lord taught him that he should look for God's strength, comfort, and deliverance not in displays of spectacular power (a violent wind or a destructive earthquake), but rather in the delicate whispering of God's Word which has the power to comfort, sustain, and strengthen His children. We need to learn this lesson too. The theology of the cross teaches us that God so often strengthens faith and grants wisdom and understanding through the things that we suffer. We learn to believe this through faith in the suffering and death of Christ on our behalf. Out of His suffering and death, we hear the quiet, yet powerful voice of the Lord's forgiveness that sees us through the struggles of life.

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: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit for Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.

Psalm 31 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: O Lord, You are my fortress and strength. In the righteousness of Your Son deliver me from all the forces that would seek to destroy my faith and confidence in You. Teach me to commend myself to your mercy and to believe with all my heart that my times are in Your hand for my eternal good; through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144
Evening	124	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145

Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12	
Monday	The LORD'S Revelation to Elijah—1 Kings 19:9b-21	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Tuesday	Naboth's Vineyard—1 Kings 21:1-16	1 Corinthians 4:1-13
Wednesday	The LORD Condemns Ahab—1 Kings 21:17-29	1 Cor. 4:14–5:8
Thursday	Elijah Ascends to Heaven—2 Kings 2:1-15	1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
Friday	Elisha Performs Miracles—2 Kings 2:19-25	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Saturday	Sunday's OT and Epistle—Isaiah 51:9-16	Colossians 1:9-14

The Catechism: The Creed— The Third Article

What is the Third Article of the Creed?

**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.**

Preschool +

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

First Grade +

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Second Grade +

Prayers: Collects for the Week and In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Nation During this Election Cycle

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the form of government given us in our beloved country. Give us grace with our fellow citizens to value the authority You have given us to elect those who serve in civil government. Give us wisdom to make wise choices which agree with our confession of faith, support the rule of Law, and defend the freedom of the Church to preach the Gospel and confess our faith for the benefit of all our citizens. Lord, endow all elected officials with wisdom for their several duties, with a spirit of sacrifice for the common welfare, with mercy and justice, and with uprightness and kindness. Correct the evils of selfishness, greed, a vain desire for honor, or abuse of power among us. Grant that the true purposes of government may prevail, safeguarding peace and prosperity, so that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and contentment, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Our Prayers this Week — “Let us pray for...”

Birth: Warren James Dubnicka (son of Mitchell & Melanie Dubnicka)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Nancy LaFore, Sierra Meyer (11/5), Caleb Gierach (11/6), Donna Lovas (11/7), Autumn Christopherson (11/9).

Wedding Anniversaries: Elton and Angela Volquardsen (11/5).

Military: Jessica Franklin (Air Force); John Franklin (Minnesota National Guard); Evon Ingraham (Army National Guard); Morgan Thoni (Navy); and David Uttenreither (Army).

Temporal and spiritual relief for those suffering in the aftermath of hurricane damage in our country.

Thanksgiving for restoration of health (cancer remission): Jeanette Kellar, missionary.

The Sick: Bob Corso, undergoing cardia/vascular testing and treatment; Jeanne Wetzel, (aunt of Rebecca Torkelson) recovering from cardiac surgery; Beth Petersen, Frank Koping and Cheryl Gretzinger, recovering from surgery; Lauren, (friend of the Carus family) in need of a lung transplant; Scotty Fittshu (friend of Brent and Evon Ingraham) still in intensive care following a motorcycle accident; Tempy McCombe, (friend of the Duessler family) diagnosed with ovarian cancer; Steven Jahnke, (nephew of Donna Lovas), Diane (friend of Jason & Cathy Petersen), Rev. Luke Boehringer, Rev. David Groth, Rick Schuerman, Jean Reuss, and Steve Hayes in cancer treatment.

Those in hospice: Bob Ruess who is in hospice care. (Jennifer Duessler's sister-in-law's father)

Those who mourn: the wife, family, and friends of Don Wetzel (uncle of Rebecca Torkelson) who died suddenly.

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

Hymn of the Week

“Oh, How Blest Are They Whose Toils Are Ended” (stanzas 1, 4, 5)

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Looking forward to the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

November 10, 2024

Hymns: 763, 755, 669, 635, 479, 742

Isaiah 51:9-16: The Prophet Isaiah calls upon the Lord to “Awake! As in the ancient days,” because He has redeemed His people. The Lord wants us to cry out to Him in this way, and to give us the very help and salvation that He has promised. He paid the ultimate ransom for our freedom from sin and death, therefore, we come to the Lord singing, with everlasting joy on our heads. We have the confidence that in Christ “sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

Colossians 1:9-14: In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he prays for the baptized faithful that they might be strengthened by the Lord's Word for every good and to bear with patience all adversity. He gives thanks for how we have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” Paul's catechesis overflows with the comfort we receive from our Lord Jesus.

Matthew 9:18-26: The power of life over death and the certain hope of the resurrection is taught in today's Gospel. Jesus' preaching was so powerful, comforting, and life-giving that the ruler of the Synagogue, whose daughter had just died, approached Him to raise his daughter from the dead. He believed that Jesus was the resurrection and the life. He confessed the certainty of faith in the face of death—a certainty that was born of the Gospel. An unclean woman with a continuous flow of blood for Twelve years had the courage to dare to touch Jesus, believing that He is the source of healing and life. She was right. His Word gave her that courage. “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well!” And she was immediately healed. Her faith made her well, because her faith was in Jesus, the source of life. So also for the ruler of the Synagogue. He was certain of Jesus' power to give life from the dead. The mourners laughed at Jesus, but by the touch of His hand the girl arose, and her life was restored. May the Lord sustain us with His Word of victory over death and give us the courage to confess confidently the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.