

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 7 through June 14, 2026*

**Catechesis Notes for the Week—Confession of sin is confession of faith in Christ.** For us as, as Christians, when we confess our sins, we are not merely admitting that we have done something wrong and feel badly about it. Non-believers can do that. No, true confession of sin involves contrition and faith in Christ. Contrition is the sorrow over sin that is worked by God. Faith in Christ confesses sin and flees to Jesus for rescue. “Acknowledging our guilt” and “seeking the face of Jesus” is what faith does. Our confession is not a work that merits God’s forgiveness. Confession is what He calls us to that He might help us. The refusal to confess, therefore, is the refusal to believe that you need Jesus. So the Lord’s call is one in which He invites us as sinners to trust in Him rather than ourselves. He calls us to contrition and faith so that He might help us. It is the absolution of the Lord that raises us up from the death of sin and gives us comfort, peace, and new life. When we respond to the Lord’s call, when we dare to confess our sins, when we flee to Jesus for His absolution, that is the work of the Holy Spirit in us. That is, very simply the call of the Holy Spirit to faith in Christ. Confession of sins is the fruit of the miracle of faith. This is why we confess our sins, that our faith might be strengthened and our consciences comforted by Christ’s absolution. So the Prophet Hosea encourages us, “Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

## 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: Come, Follow Me!

### Invocation

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

### Apostles’ Creed

#### Verse: Matthew 9:13

Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.”  
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

#### Psalm 119:65-72 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

**Prayer on Psalm 119:** We will praise You, O Lord Jesus, for You are our salvation and our righteousness. Enliven the praise of Your Church that every faithful Christian may confess Your holy name and sing of Your righteousness and mercy all the days of our life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	137, 138	140, 141	144
Evening	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134	139	142, 143	145

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>Pentecost 2: The Call of the Tax Collector—Matthew 9:9-13</b>	
Monday	You Shall Not Murder—Matthew 5:21-26	Isaiah 7:10-16
Tuesday	You Shall Not Commit Adultery—Matthew 5:27-32	Isaiah 8:11-20
Wednesday	You Shall Not Give False Testimony—Matthew 5:33-37	Isaiah 9:2-7
Thursday	<b>St. Barnabas, Apostle: Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3</b>	<b>Mark 6:7-13</b>
Friday	Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:38-48	Isaiah 10:1-4, 20-23
Saturday	The Lord’s Prayer—Matthew 6:1-18	Isaiah 11:1-10

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

What is the Fifth Petition?

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them.

We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.

So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Preschool +

Second Grade +

**Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, and In Our Prayers at Peace**

**Collect for the Feast of the Second Sunday after Pentecost**

*Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for St. Barnabas, Apostle**

*Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Daily Themes for Prayer — “Let us pray...”**

- Sunday:** *For the joy of the resurrection among us*  
**Monday:** *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one’s calling and daily work*  
**Tuesday:** *For deliverance against temptation and evil and those struggling with besetting sins*  
**Wednesday:** *For marriage and family*  
**Thursday:** *For the Church and her pastors; and for fruitful and salutary use of the Lord’s Supper*  
**Friday:** *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the persecuted and oppressed*  
**Saturday:** *For the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away from Christ*

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

**Baptismal anniversaries:** *Pat Rothe (6/7); Marty Bruss (6/8); Jennifer Gretzinger (6/9); Jenny Duessler (6/10); Lisa LaFore, Jim Miller (6/12); Joshua Franklin, William Haga (6/13).*

**Wedding anniversaries:** *Tyler and Rachel Haga (6/8).*

**In remembrance:** *Rosie and Frank Kopling give thanks to God and recall the loving-kindness of the Lord shown to and through their fathers, Frank Kopling and George Schiellack during their lives.*

**The sick:** *Bob Zaretzke, hospitalized; Jon Bruss in rehab; Jodi Winn (Sharon Murphy’s niece) in rehab after a head injury.*

**In cancer treatment:** *Barbara Galis (Nick Galis’ grandmother) undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer; Bob Rothe, Michael Piper (Bob Piper’s brother), Michael Gehl (friend of the Bruss family), Mary O’Flyng (acquaintance of the Rothe family), Tim Francis (brother of Cheri LaFore), Loretta Lampen, Tracy Espinosa, Ken Hinckle, Diane Bulawa, and Rev. Luke Boehringer.*

**Those in hospice care:** *Carol Bender and Sid Franklin.*

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week**

**“Let Me Be Thine Forever”**

**689**

**Looking forward to the Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6)**

**June 14, 2026**

**Hymns: 646, 571, 856, 562, 569, 836**

**Exodus 19:2-8:** *The Lord reminded Moses and the children of Israel that HE was the one who had redeemed them from slavery and “bore them on eagles’ wings and brought them to Himself.” His Word is the source of faith, life, and fellowship with God. What He did for the children of Israel He has done for us in the redemption that we have through the blood of Christ. As He declared them to be a “kingdom of priests and a holy nation” He declares the same of us who cling to Christ and His Word. Let us not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

**Romans 5:6-15:** *Paul gives us vivid catechesis on the Second Article of the Creed. Jesus is our Redeemer. “When we were still without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” By Adam, sin brought death into the world. And by Jesus redeeming work, new life was brought into the world through His forgiveness. “If by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”*

**Matthew 9: 35—10:20:** *Out of His compassion Jesus created the Office of the Holy Ministry that His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation might continue to be received. As Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel and healing every sickness and every disease among the people, so He would call and ordain His under shepherds to do the same. When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Jesus not only establishes the Holy Ministry, but He commands His Church to pray for the gift of pastors so that the Gospel and Sacraments might continue to be received. Jesus’ full authority stands behind His ministers, even as He called the twelve disciples and gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of diseases. When Jesus sent out the Twelve, He taught them to depend upon His gifts and not upon their strength. In this way the ministry itself, like the gift of salvation, is entirely dependent upon the Lord.*