

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following*

*Invocabit ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Simple orders can be found on pages 294-298 in LSB or you may use the following order*

### **Invocation**

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

### **Psalm 121**

### **Verse of the Month**

Luke 8:15 “The ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

### **10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed**

### **Hymn of the Week**

When in the Hour of Deepest Need (LSB 615/TLH 522)

### **Reading from Holy Scripture**

*Members may choose...*

- *Read the Bible in a year (church website) or children’s The Story Bible (CPH)*

- *Readings appointed from the Daily Lectionary (LSB p. 299-304)*

### **Looking forward to Reminiscere (Second Sunday in Lent)**

Monday: Genesis 32:22-32

Tuesday: I Thessalonians 4:1-7

Wednesday: Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him. (Gen 32:22-32) So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, yet she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help. (Mt 15:21-28) Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." This is the sanctifying will of God, (1 Thess 4:1-7) to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint. (Rom 5:1-5)

### **Catechism for the Week: Confession**

*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.

### **Prayers:**

#### **Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You by Your Holy Spirit to fix and confirm in our hearts true faith and hope in Your grace and mercy, that although, because of our conscience, sin, and unworthiness, we have cause to fear, yet in Your grace we may, like the Canaanite woman, persevere steadfastly and through Christ find in You help and deliverance in every trial and need. Amen.

#### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerssen, Ronald Baumgart

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

##### **Morning Prayer**

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 Prayer**

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.

##### **Mealttime Prayer**

The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Closing**

Let us bless the Lord: Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### **Hymn of the Month**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus (LSB 685/TLH 409)

#### **Reading from the Book of Concord**

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 185-195  
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)