

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Memento Nostri: Advent IV – December 22nd, 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 2

Verse of the Month

Luke 21:36 “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

10 Commandments & Apostles’ Creed

Hymn of the Week

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (LSB 358/TLH 85)

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 Christmas Day

Monday: Isaiah 52:6-10

Tuesday: Hebrews 1:1-12

Wednesday: John 1:1-18

Thursday: In the beginning God created all things through His Word, His Son. But man fell into sin, and with man all creation was cursed. Therefore, God spoke His Word again, this time into the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle of our human nature (Ex. 40:17-21,34-38). “*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us*” (John 1:1-14). The Son of God took on our flesh and blood and died on the cross in order that we might receive the right to become the children of God through faith. Baptized into Christ’s body, we are made partakers of a new Genesis, “*the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit*” (Titus 3:4-7). In Christ, the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man has truly appeared.

Catechism for the Week: Seventh Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

What is the Seventh Petition? But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Prayers:

Collect for the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your abundant mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son to be made man, thereby graciously causing us to be saved from sin and eternal death. And we pray that You would enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks to You for this Your grace and take comfort in it in every distress and tribulation, and so by Your Son, our Lord Christ, obtain eternal salvation. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Frank Meyer, Mark Siddons

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.

Mealtime 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

The Advent of Our King (LSB 331/TLH 68)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession p. 86-102
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (CPH)