

The Congregation at Prayer

A guide for daily meditation and prayer the week following

Cantate – April 28th, 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 107:1-9

Verse of the Month

Romans 6:8-9 “⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.”

10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Week

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (LSB 766/ TLH 458)

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 Rogate

Monday: Numbers 21:4-9

Tuesday: James 1:22-27

Wednesday: John 16:23b-30

Thursday: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:1-6) Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors Part II

What does God's Word say about what hearers owe their pastors? We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord

and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. (I Thessalonians 5:12-13) Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

Prayers:

Collect of the Week (from Lutheran Prayer Companion)

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who by Your Son promised to us that whatever we ask in His name You will give to us: preserve us, we beseech You, in Your Word, and grant your Holy Spirit to rule and guide us according to Your will. Keep us from the tyranny of the devil, from false teaching, and from improper worship, and preserve our body and being from every evil. Grant Your blessing and peace, that we may always know Your gracious help, and through Christ honor and praise You as our gracious Father both now and forevermore. Amen.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Linda Winkelman, Jean Luerksen, Ronald Baumgart, Pat Jung, Carl Thompson, Margo Grishaber, Dorothy Meyer, Gail Andrich

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.

Mealtimes 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

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (LSB 467 TLH 192)

Reading from the Book of Concord

Portions of the Smalcald Articles-Power and Primacy of the Pope p. 281-302
From *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (CPH)