



THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation & Prayer

Rogate | May 10-16, 2026

*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.*

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

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

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE OUR FATHER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us + from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning: 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: 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.

5 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK—Philippians 1:21

[Saint Paul said,] “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

CATECHESIS NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Our culture today has formed the mentality that life is only worth living if someone is able to contribute something tangible to society. The thinking is such that if someone is no longer able to offer anything, there is no longer a reason for them to live. As a result, physician-assisted suicide, also known as euthanasia, is on the dramatic rise in the United States and Europe. Yet as Christians, we know differently. Our life *is* always worth living, not because we have something to offer, but because it is a gift of God and because we are beloved by Him. Everyday is a day that God has made that we might rejoice and be glad in it. We are worth God's affection and love not because of something within us. We can't make ourselves worthy. But God has made us worthy in Christ. Our worth is the result of His love demonstrated through the death of Christ on the cross. All that the case, God keeps us here in this broken world because there are things He has left for us to do. This is the joy that breaks through in these sections ("To Widows" and "To Everyone") of the Table of Duties. Even when it seems like there is nothing left we can do, we can still pray. We can still lift our brothers and sisters in the faith up in prayer, and that is enough. Thanks be to God.

CATECHISM: Table of Duties

To Widows

The widow who is really in need and left all alone
puts her hope in God
and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.

But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. (1 Tim. 5:5-6)

To Everyone

The commandments...are summed up in this one rule:
"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Rom. 13:9)

I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving
be made for everyone. (1 Tim. 2:1)

Let each his lesson learn with care,
and all the household well shall fare.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK AFTER EASTER

Read the Feast/Saint/Commemoration reading first. As time permits, continue with the Daily Lectionary.

Day	Feast/Saint/Commemoration	Daily Lectionary
Sunday	Rogate: Num 21:4–9 / James 1:22–27 / Jn 16:23b–30	
Monday	Rogation Mon: James 5:16–20 / Luke 11:5–13	John 10:1-5; Amos 9:8-15
Tuesday	Rogation Mon: 1 Timothy 2:8–15 / Luke 18:1–8	John 10:6-10; Is. 4:2-6
Wednesday	Vigil of Ascension: Ephesians 4:7–13 / John 17:1–11a	Matt. 28:16-20; Is. 29:18-24
Thursday	Ascension: Acts 1:1–11 / Mark 16:14–20	(Ascension Day)
Friday	Fri in Octave of Ascension: Acts 4:32–35 / Lk 24:49–53	Luke 24:50-53; Micah 7:7-13
Saturday	<i>Feria</i> <i>Looking forward to Sunday: Ezr 36:23-28 / 1 Pt 4:7b–11 / Jn 15:26-16:4a</i>	Acts 1:12-26; Micah 7:14-20

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

In our prayers this week:

LCMS District: Northwest District

Partner Church: Lutheran Church in Korea

LCMS Missionaries: Benjamin & Ella Goehring (Romania); Rev. Sergio Fritzer & Lilian Rosin Hilscher (Dom. Republic)

LCMS Education: Concordia University—St. Paul

Sick & Recovering: Jocelyn Davey, Annette Teague (Z), Marge Utley (F)

6**PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK— Psalm 93**

Throughout this year of Congregation at Prayer, we will be praying the Psalms in canonical order (i.e., the order in which they're found in the canon of Scripture). Each Sunday's bulletin will include a helpful handout for the Psalm of the week. Please locate the Psalm in either your hymnal or bible and join in praying these ancient hymn-prayers of the Church. If the Psalm is a particularly long one, you might consider splitting it up and praying it over multiple days.

7**READ THE CATECHISM AND SCRIPTURE READINGS (INSIDE COVER)**

Read the Feast/Saint/Commemoration reading first. As time permits, continue with the Daily Lectionary.

8**PRAY THE COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE WEEK**

O God, from whom all good things do come: grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right and by Thy guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

9**PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS (INSIDE COVER)****10****SAY OR SING THE HYMN OF THE WEEK (LSB 587; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756)****“I Know My Faith Is Founded”**

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| <p>1. I know my faith is founded
 On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
 And this my faith confessing,
 Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
 Our reason cannot fathom
 The truth of God profound;
 Who trusts in human wisdom
 Relies on shifting ground.
 God's Word is all-sufficient,
 It makes divinely sure;
 And trusting in its wisdom,
 My faith shall rest secure.</p> <p>2. Increase my faith, dear Savior,
 For Satan seeks by night and day
 To rob me of this treasure
 And take my hope of bliss away.
 But, Lord, with You beside me,
 I shall be undismayed;</p> | <p>And led by Your good Spirit,
 I shall be unafraid.
 Abide with me, O Savior,
 A firmer faith bestow;
 Then I shall bid defiance
 To ev'ry evil foe.</p> <p>3. In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
 Though persecution, grief, and pain
 Should seek to overwhelm me,
 Let me a steadfast trust retain;
 And then at my departure,
 Lord, take me home to You,
 Your riches to inherit
 As all You said holds true.
 In life and death, Lord, keep me
 Until Your heav'n I gain,
 Where I by Your great mercy
 The end of faith attain.</p> |
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