



THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation & Prayer
Holy Trinity | May 31 - June 6, 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—Psalm 33:6

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

CATECHESIS NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Man was created in the image of God and was the crown of His creation. Unlike the animals, man was made for communion—with God and with one another. This reflects the mystery of the Holy Trinity Himself. Though there is one God, there are three Persons united in perfect love. So also mankind was created not to exist in isolation but in relationships of self-giving love. Male and female were created for one another, and through marriage and family God's gifts of life and love are multiplied.

Sin shattered these relationships. Man turned inward upon himself, and love gave way to selfishness, fear, and death. Yet the Holy Trinity did not abandon His creation. The Father sent His beloved Son into the world, and the Spirit anointed Him to be the Savior of mankind. Through the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the image of God is restored. In Holy Baptism, the Triune Name is placed upon us, and we are brought into the fellowship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The God who created us now re-creates us, that we might live forever in the joy, peace, and love of the blessed Holy Trinity.

CATECHISM: The Creed

The First Article

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

What does this mean?

1. I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
2. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.
3. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.
4. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.
5. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.
6. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TRINITY WEEK

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

Day	Feast/Saint/Commemoration	Daily Lectionary
Sunday	Pentecost: Gen 11:1–9 / Acts 2:1–11 / John 14:23–31a	
Monday	St. Nicomedes: Wisdom 4:7–14, 15b / Luke 14:26–33	Acts 3:1-21; Josh. 1:1-18
Tuesday	Sts. Marcellinus & Peter: Rev 7:13–17 / Luke 21:9–19	Acts 4:1-37; Josh. 3:1-17
Wednesday	St. Erasmus: Wisdom 10:10b–14 / Matthew 16:24–28	Acts 5:1-42; Josh. 4:1-24
Thursday	Corpus Christi: 1 Cor 11:23–29 / John 6:55–58	Acts 6:1-15; Josh. 6:1-27
Friday	1 Corinthians 10:14–21 / John 6:56–59	Acts 7:1-60; Josh. 8:1-35
Saturday	<i>Looking forward to Sunday: Deut 6:4–13 / 1 Jn 4:8b–21 / Luke 16:19–31</i>	Acts 8:1-40; Josh. 9:1-27

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: Southern District

Partner Church: China Evangelical Lutheran Church

LCMS Missionaries: The Wood Family (Indonesia); The Nelson Family (Indonesia)

LCMS Education: Wittenberg Academy

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

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PRAY THE **PSALM** OF THE WEEK— Psalm 96

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.

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

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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we beseech Thee that through the steadfastness of this faith, we may evermore be defended from all adversity; who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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PRAYER FOR **OURSELVES AND OTHERS** (INSIDE COVER)

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SAY OR SING THE **HYMN** OF THE WEEK (LSB 954; *Martin Luther, 1483-1546*)

“We All Believe in One True God”

1 We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us;
All we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us by day and night;
All things are governed by His might.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of ev'ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
By the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother;
That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin
And raised by God to life again.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who, in highest heaven dwelling
With God the Father and the Son,
Comforts us beyond all telling;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally.

Amen, amen, Amen.