

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2026 to Sunday, August 16, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —“O Bishops! What answer will you ever give to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people and never for a moment fulfilled your office? May all misfortune fun from you! I do not wish at this place to call down evil on your heads. You command the Sacrament in one form and insist on human laows, and yet at the same t ime you do not care at all whether the people know the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any part of God’s Word. Woe, woe to you forever!”~The Preface of Dr. Martin Luther, Small Catechism

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Read/Chant Psalm 18

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, August 9	Divisions in the church --1 Corinthians 3:1-23	1 Samuel 25:1-22
Mon, August 10	Ministry of Apstoles --1 Corinthians 4:1-21	1 Samuel 25:23-44
Tues, August 11	Sexual Immorality Defiles the Church --1 Corinthians 5:1-13	1 Samuel 26:1-25
Wed, August 12	Lawsuits Against Believers --1 Corinthians 6:1-20	1 Samuel 28:3-25
Thu, August 13	Principles of Marriage --1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Samuel 31:1-13
Fri, August 14	The Unmarried and the Widowed --1 Corinthians 7:25-40	2 Samuel 1:1-27
Sat, August 15	Food Offered to Idols --1 Corinthians 8:1-13	2 Samuel 5:1-25
Sun, August 16	Paul Surrenders His Rights --1 Corinthians 9:1-23	2 Samuel 6:1-19

Collect for the Week of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Luther's 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.

Luther's 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.

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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