

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026 to Sunday, July 26, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions — “Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man. He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age; perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity. Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ.” ~The Ecumenical Creeds, The Athanasian Creed

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.

Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

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 65

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sunday, July 19	Jerusalem Council’s letter to Gentile believers. --Acts 15:22-41 Paul and Silas in Prison. --Acts 16:1-22	1 Samuel 2:18-36 1 Samuel 3:1-21
Mon, July 20	Philippian Jailer Converted. --Acts 16:23-40	1 Samuel 4:1-22
Tues, July 21	Paul in Corinth & Antioch. --Acts 18:1-28	1 Samuel 5:1-6:16
Wed., July 22	Paul in Ephesus. --Acts 19:1-22	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17
Thurs, July 23	Paul visits James. --Acts 21:15-36	1 Samuel 8:1-22
Fri, July 24	Paul speaks to the People. --Acts 21:37-22:16	1 Samuel 9:1-27
Sat, July 25	Paul and the Roman Tribune. --Acts 22:17-30	1 Samuel 10:1-27
Sun, July 26		

Collect for the Week of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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.

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- 1 In holy conversation
We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.
- 2 These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.

- With care our Father listens
To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways He knows are best.
- 3 As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

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