

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer

For the Week of Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026 to Sunday, August 2, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —“One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again on the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire. This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.” ~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 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Read/Chant Psalm 125

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sunday, July 26	Paul and the Roman Tribe. —Acts 22:17-29	1 Samuel 10:1-27
Mon, July 27	Paul before the council. --Acts 22:30-23:11	1 Samuel 12:1-25
Tues, July 28	Paul sent to Felix the Governor. --Acts 23:12-35	1 Samuel 13:1-18
Wed., July 29	Paul before Felix at Caesarea. --Acts 24:1-23	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9
Thurs, July 30	Paul appeals to Caesar. --Acts 24:24-25:12	1 Samuel 15:10-35
Fri, July 31	Paul before Agrippa and Bernice. --Acts 25:13-27	1 Samuel 16:1-23
Sat, August 1	Paul tells of his conversion. --Acts 26:1-23	1 Samuel 17:1-19
Sun, August 2	Paul sails for Rome. --Acts 26:24-27:8	1 Samuel 17:20-47

Collect for the Week of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

Almighty and everlasting God, give us increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what you have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 From God can nothing move me;
He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
And be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning
Wherever I may stand.

2 When those whom I regarded
As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me;
His peace I have within.

3 The Lord my life arranges;
Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes
All sorrow into joy.
So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit
According to His will.

4 Each day at His good pleasure
God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure
In Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts.

The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given.
Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

D 7 For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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