

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer*

*For the Week of Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, July 5, 2026 to Sunday, July 12, 2026*

**Reading from the Lutheran Confessions** —“In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almighty's but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.” ~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: Matthew 11:28**

**(Jesus said) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

### ***Read/Chant Psalm 145:1-14***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for Daily Devotions</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
Sunday, July 5	<b>The Apostle James Killed, Peter imprisoned</b> —Acts 12:1-25	Joshua 23:1-16
Mon, July 6	<b>Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus</b> —Acts 13:1-12	Joshua 24:1-31
Tues, July 7	<b>Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia</b> —Acts 13:13-41	Judges 2:6-23
Wed., July 8	<b>Devout Jews come to faith in Christ</b> —Acts 13:42-52	Judges 3:7-31
Thurs, July 9	<b>Paul and Barnabas at Iconium &amp; Lystra</b> —Acts 14:1-18	Judges 4:1-24
Fri, July 10	<b>Paul stoned at Lystra</b> —Acts 14:19-15:5	Judges 6:1-24
Sat, July 11	<b>The Jerusalem Council</b> —Acts 15:6-21	Judges 6:25-40
Sun, July 12	<b>There is no other Gospel.</b> —Galatians 1:1-24	Judges 7:1-23

### ***Collect for the Week of the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:***

*Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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.

### **966 Before You, Lord, We Bow**

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King!
- 2 The nation You have blest  
May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
For this fair land—  
Gifts of Your hand—  
Our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!

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- May ev'ry tongue  
Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise  
A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;  
Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice,  
And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride,  
Your sin deplore,  
And bow before  
The Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!

*NOTE: Going forward, the Congregation at Prayer will be reduced to this 2-page version, in-order to save on printing.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**