The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 1, 2026 to Sunday, November 8, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —*"Therefore, look to it, pastors and preachers. Our office has now become a different thing from what it was under the pope. It has now become a serious and saving office. So it now involves much more trouble and labor, danger and trials. In addition, it gains little reward and thanks in the world. But Christ Himself will be our reward if we labor faithfully (see Genesis 15:1). To this end may the Father of all grace help us, to whom be praise and thanks forever through Christ, our Lord! Amen." 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: Revelation 7:14

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, and animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Read/Chant *Psalm 149*

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, Nov. 1	**Epistle Lesson, All Saints Day—Hebrews 12:1-3, 18-29**	Matthew 21:1-22
Mon, Nov. 2	Moses Reminds the People of God's Law—Deut. 1:1-3, 5:1-22	Matthew 21:23-46
Tues, Nov. 3	Moses Warns the People Against Rebelling—Deuteronomy 5:23-6:25	Matthew 22:1-22
Wed, Nov. 4	The Lord will Raise up a Prophet Like Moses—Deuteronomy 18:9-22	Matthew 22:23-46
Thu, Nov. 5	Moses Dies on Mount Nebo—Deuteronomy 32:48-52, 34:1-12	Matthew 23:1-12
Fri, Nov. 6	Old Testament Lesson, 24th Sunday after Pentecost—Amos 5:18-24	Matthew 23:13-39
Sat, Nov. 7	Epistle Lesson 24th Sunday after Pentecost—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 24:1-28
Sun, Nov. 8	Gospel Lesson, 24th Sunday after Pentecost—Luke 2:22-38	Matthew 24:29-51

Collect for All Saints Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

D 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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