The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Scripture Meditation and Prayer
For the First Week of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2026, to Sunday, December 6, 2026

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions —*"So, too, whoever trusts and boasts that he has great skill, prudence, power, favor, friendship, and honor also has a god. But it is not the true and only God. This truth reappears when you notice how arrogant, secure, and proud people are because of such possessions, and how despondent they are when the possessions no longer exist or are withdrawn. Therefore, I repeat that the chief explanation of this point is that to "have a god" is to have something in which the heart entirely trusts.". The First Commandment, paragraph 5-9, Luther's Large 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: Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed: Redemption

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

Read/Chant *Psalm 80:1-7*

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun, Nov. 29	**OT Lesson, First Sunday in Advent—Isaiah 64:1-9**	1 Peter 2:1-12
Mon, Nov. 30	Othniel, Israel's First Judge—Judges 3:7-11	1 Peter 2:13-25
Tues, Dec. 1	Ehud, Israel's Left-Handed Judge—Judges 3:12-31	1 Peter 3:1-22
Wed, Dec. 2	Advent Midweek—Isaiah 60:1-3	1 Peter 4:1-19
Thu, Dec. 3	Deborah the Prophetess—Judges 4:1-24	1 Peter 5:1-14
Fri, Dec. 4	The Ange of the Lord Appears—Judges 6:1-27	2 Peter 1:1-21
Sat, Dec. 5	Gospel Lesson, Second Sunday in Advent—Mark 1:1-8	2 Peter 2:1-22
Sun, Dec. 6	Epistle Lesson, Second Sunday in Advent—Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:1-18

Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father 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 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

D 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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