



St. Matthew at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Devotion and Prayer for the week of
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8 through November 14, 2015



✠ *Be in the Word and in prayer... Every one, Every day. We are the hands and feet of Christ!* ✠

An Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and speak as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Try to learn by heart the verse and the catechism of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Verse of the Week: 1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Psalms: Psalm 146 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below (60-day schedule)

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91	92	95, 96
Evening	81	83	86	87	90	93	94	97

The Readings for the Week: (or use a reading from Today's Light, Portals of Prayer, or another resource etc.)

Day of the Week	Bible Narratives (OT Narratives ~ Youth Confirmation Class)	2-Year Reading Plan (Lutheran Study Bible)	Daily Prayer Readings (Treasury of Daily Prayer & Daily Lectionary in LSB, p. 299)	
Sunday	No reading	No reading	Jeremiah 20:1-8	Matthew 24:29-51
Monday	2 Kings 4:1-7	Hebrews 2:1-18	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13
Tuesday	2 Kings 4:8-37	Hebrews 3:1-19	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matthew 25:14-30
Wednesday	2 Kings 4:38-44	Hebrews 4:1-16	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	2 Kings 6:1-17	Hebrews 5:1-14	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matthew 26:1-19
Friday	2 Kings 6:8-23	Hebrews 6:1-20	Jeremiah 26:1-19	Matthew 26:20-35
Saturday	No reading	Hebrews 7:1-28	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matthew 26:36-56

The Catechism: The Creed - The Third Article

What is the Third Article of the Creed?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday**.....*Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
Monday.....*Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
Tuesday.....*Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
Wednesday.....*Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
Thursday.....*Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, DCE's, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
Friday.....*Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
Saturday.....*Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word in worship and study on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

Prayers for others

NEW / UPDATED requests this week

- Brandon Ewing**, friend of Jill Tharp (medical issues)
Michael Griffin, friend of Nathan Parchert (undergoing tests)
Beth Higbee, neighbor of our congregation (life issues)
Tom Hoffman (hospitalized this week)
Patty Kraft, mother of Amanda Gorski (recovering from liver transplant)

Those who mourn - Family & friends of . . .

- Richard Gabriel**, brother-in-law of Reed & Judy Phillips
Douglas Gradin, brother of Mark Nelsen

Ongoing requests

- Nancy Anderson**
Craig Bennett, son of Evelyn Bennett
Evelyn Bennett
Allan Bestian
Mary Ann Bestian
Linda Bivens
Heather Bohlander, friend of Amanda Gorski
Bob Burt, brother of Bill Burt
Karlene Campbell & Amanda Gorski (work issues)
Candy Carmack
Jerry De Loose
Samantha Dolan
Joyce Eaton, sister-in-law of Patsy Hartwich

Ongoing requests (cont.)

- Hans Friedrichsen**
AJ Gale, newborn grandson of Janet Meeks
Carol Greenwood
Bob Harmon
Gary Harmon, son of Bob & Barb Harmon
Terry Hartley
Kevin Haskins, Sr., friend of Jason Gorski
Danielle Holdsworth
Barb Jensen, mother of Janet Meeks
Darcy Johnson, friend of Kitty Dornbier
Jack Kahling
Tom Krahl
Florence Lude
Marianne Meyers
Don Mielke
Krystin Pearson
Patty Pearson
Susie Rindermann & unborn baby, family of Huismans
Tammy Robinson
Denise Satterly, friend of Tom Krahl
Dawn Schumaker
Bonnie Sellers, friend of Darcy Eberts
Vern Winter

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.

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.

Hymn: LSB 738 - *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Looking forward to next Sunday: *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 14 & 15, 2015*

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-13