

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
First Sunday in Advent
November 27th – December 3^d

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.

Theme: We Await Christ's Return in Glory.

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: Isaiah 65:22

“They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.”

Catechism:

“The Sacrament of Holy Baptism”

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promise of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark; “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

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.

Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#442 Stanza 1

All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

“In these three articles God himself has revealed and opened to us the most profound depths of his fatherly heart, his sheer, unutterable love. He created us for this very purpose, to redeem and sanctify us.”

Large Catechism, First Article

Readings for the Week

Day	Reading
Monday	Hymn #332
Tuesday	Daniel 5:1-12
Wednesday	Daniel 5:13-31
Thursday	Daniel 6:1-17
Friday	Daniel 6:18-28
Saturday	Hymn #332

In Our Prayers this Week:

Judy Braun, Myra Denton, June Martin, Darlene Scheideler,
Marvin Wiegand

Continuing Prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Loren
Daubendiek, Leonard Esch

Missing: Ann Kelley

***Looking forward to Second Sunday in
Advent***

December 4, 2016

Hymns: 333, 873, 353, 624, 613, 515

Lessons: Malachi 4:1-6; Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-36

**Hymn of the
Week**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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