

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
Circumcision and Name of Jesus
January 1st – January 7th

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: God's Name Is Holy

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: Judges 13:18

“And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?"”

Catechism:

“The Lord’s Prayer”

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Collect for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Lord, God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

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.

“We teach that the sacrifice of Christ dying on the cross has been sufficient for the sins of the whole world, and that there is no need, besides, of other sacrifices, as though this were not sufficient for our sins. Men, accordingly, are justified not because of any other sacrifices, but because of this one sacrifice of Christ, if they believe that they have been redeemed by this sacrifice.”

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XIII, 8

Readings for the Week

The creation of the world and the birth of Jesus Christ are inseparably tied together. Christ is the Word of God that was used at Creation and Christ is the Means by which the New Creation is brought about. The first word in Matthew's Gospel, "The Book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ" reflects the 'Genesis' or beginning, by which God became part of His creation to redeem it.

Day	Reading
Monday	Hymn #384
Tuesday	John 1:1-14
Wednesday	Genesis 1:1-19
Thursday	Genesis 1:19-2:3
Friday	Matthew 1:1-25
Saturday	TE DEUM LAUDAMUS pages 223-225

In Our Prayers this Week:

Judy Braun, Berniece Pfungsten

Continuing Prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, June Martin

Missing: Ann Kelley

Looking forward to The Epiphany of Our Lord

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Hymns: 412, 397, 400, 401, 399, 374

Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn of the Week

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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