

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15th – January 21st

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 Kingdom Comes to Us

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: John 18:36

“Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.””

Catechism:

“The Lord’s Prayer”

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come?

God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn **“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”** **#651 stz. 1 & 3**

I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Your church, O God,
Your saints in every land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.

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.

“Of the Cause of Sin they teach that, although God does create and preserve nature, yet the cause of sin is the will of the wicked, that is, of the devil and ungodly men; which will, unaided of God, turns itself from God, as Christ says, When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh his own.”

Augsburg Confession, Article XIX, Of the Cause of Sin

Readings for the Week

The boy Jesus comes to the temple. The Lord of the Church comes to His temple. There, before the scribes and teachers of the Law the boy Jesus asks difficult questions and gives decisive answers. The Lord Jesus continues His church, today. By His Word He speaks to us with wisdom and clarity, proclaiming the joy of the forgiveness of sins.

Day	Reading
Monday	Hymn #410
Tuesday	Exodus 12:1-12
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Thursday	Deuteronomy 14:22-29
Friday	Luke 2:41-52
Saturday	Hymn #410

In Our Prayers this Week:

Dottie Jurgens, Delbert Rahe

Continuing Prayers: Judy Braun, Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, June Martin, Berniece Pffingsten
Missing: Ann Kelley

Looking forward to Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Hymns: 396, 936, 401, 620, 410, 398

Lessons: 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Romans 1:8-17; Matthew 8:1-13

Hymn of the Week

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

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