

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 8th – January 14th

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 First Petition

Hallowed be Thy Name

What does this mean?

God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also

How is God’s name kept holy?

God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly 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

Epiphany means "reveal" or "make known". In Christ's Epiphany, He was revealed as the wisdom of the nations, even to the gentiles. Foreigners came to worship before the child of Bethlehem and prostrated themselves before Him to worship Him, offering their gifts and receiving Him as God's gift to fallen man.

Day	Reading
Monday	Hymn #397
Tuesday	Daniel 2:1-23
Wednesday	Daniel 2:24-49
Thursday	Matthew 2:1-6
Friday	Matthew 2:7-12
Saturday	Hymn #397

In Our Prayers this Week:

Lacey Jurgens, Berniece Pfungsten, Delbert Rahe, Vanessa Smith

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

Looking forward to Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017

Hymns: 394, 402, 408, 853, 651, 507

Lessons: Exodus 33:12-23; Ephesians 5:22-33; John 2:1-11

Hymn of the Week

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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