

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22nd – January 28th

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 Will Is Good and Gracious

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: Luke 22:42

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Catechism:

“The Lord’s Prayer”

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done?

God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

“The Will of God Is Always Best”

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The will of God is always best
And shall be done forever;
And they who trust in Him are blest
He will forsake them never.
He helps indeed
In time of need;
He chastens with forbearing.
They who depend
On God, their friend,
Shall not be left despairing.

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.

“Hence there is just as great need, as in all the others, that we pray without ceasing: “Dear Father, Thy will be done, not the will of the devil and of our enemies, nor of anything that would persecute and suppress Thy holy Word or hinder Thy kingdom; and grant that we may bear with patience and overcome whatever is to be endured on that account, lest our poor flesh yield or fall away from weakness or sluggishness.

Large Catechism, The Third Petition, 67

Readings for the Week

As Jesus heals the sick, gives sight to the blind, makes the lame walk and raises the dead He continues His Epiphany: revealing Himself to be God in the flesh - for you. God became incarnate to suffer and die on the cross to forgive all your sins, to heal you and to give you life and give you all things abundantly. Jesus reveals He is God in the flesh for You.

Day	Reading
Monday	Hymn #551
Tuesday	Exodus 13:1-28
Wednesday	Exodus 13:29-59
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-25
Friday	Matthew 11:1-30
Saturday	Hymn #435

In Our Prayers this Week:

Dottie Jurgens, Maxine Kyles, Monetta Meyer, Delbert Rahe
Continuing Prayers: Judy Braun, Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, June Martin, Berniece Pfingsten
Missing: Ann Kelley

Looking forward to Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2017

Hymns: 533, 557, 621, 743, 601, 733

Lessons: Jonah 1:1-17; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 8:23-27

Hymn of the Week

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” #557