



Saint Athanasius at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer in the homes of our families.

The Last Week of the Church Year ✚
November 24-29, 2025

2025-26 School Year Theme Verse

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

~ Philippians 1:6

This Week: Happy New Year! Yes, this coming Sunday will be the start of a new Church Year with the First Sunday of Advent. The end of the Church Year focuses on Jesus coming again in glory, and the season of Advent gets us ready for that by directing us to Jesus' first coming in the flesh, and His coming to us now in His Word and Sacraments. First He came to die on the cross to provide the forgiveness of our sins, and now He is coming with that forgiveness for us in His Word and Sacraments. And having received Him there, we will be ready for when He comes again in glory! So this Sunday we will hear of Jesus entering Jerusalem to die on the cross, fulfilling the Law for us. We'll also hear how we can now keep the Law for others, since Jesus has done that for us. We can love, because He first loved us! That's why we're glad to go to the house of the Lord, for we know our Saviour is coming to us there with His gifts of love, life, and forgiveness. All we need we have, for all we need He gives.

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 permit. Learn by heart the verse and catechism for the week, as well as the theme verse (above) for the year.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confess the Apostles' Creed

(Consult the "Companion Sheet" for the words of this Creed.)

Read Psalm 122 *(see next page)*

Scripture for the Week to Read and Discuss

Monday	Psalm 122	<i>What makes the psalmist glad? Why? Does this also make <u>you</u> glad? Why? What happens there? Why is this good for us?</i>
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8	<i>Who is the "righteous branch" God will raise up? What will He do? How will He do it? What has He delivered us from?</i>
Wednesday	Matthew 24:36-44	<i>How is the day of Jesus' return like the days of Noah? Is it good not to know the day? Why? How can we be always ready? What can help us with this?</i>
Thursday	Isaiah 2:1-5	<i>When are the "latter days?" What will happen then? Where is the "mountain of the Lord" and His peace and light for us today?</i>
Friday	Romans 13:8-14	<i>How is love the fulfilling of the Law? How did Jesus do this for us? Why do we owe love to our neighbor? How can we best love them?</i>
Saturday	Matthew 21:1-11	<i>How did Jesus enter Jerusalem? How did the people welcome Him? Why the difference? What kind of king is Jesus?</i>

Learn by Heart

Scripture: Zechariah 9:9b – "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation."

Catechism: The Creed - The First Article: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit of worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayers

Collect for the Week: 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.

Pray for Abby

Pray in thanksgiving to the Father for sending His Son to be our Saviour, for making us His children in Jesus, and that many more would be baptized and believe.

Pray the Lord's Prayer, and either the Morning or Evening Prayer.
(Consult the "Companion Sheet" for the words of these prayers.)

Psalm 122



1 I was glad when they | said to me,*
 “Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

2 Our feet have been | standing*
 within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

3 Jerusalem—built as a | city*
 that is bound firmly to- | gether,

4 to which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD,
 as was decreed for | Israel,*
 to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.

5 There thrones for judg- | ment were set,*
 the thrones of the house of | David.

6 Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
 “May they be secure who | love you!

7 Peace be with- | in your walls*
 and security within your | towers!”

8 For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*
 I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

9 For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
 I will | seek your good.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hymn for the Week: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

(Go to our website for a link to the music to listen to and sing along with this hymn)



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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