

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the Resurrection of Our Lord
April 13-18, 2020

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.*

Invocation: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Speak the Apostles' Creed.

Verse: Acts 5:41 – “*The [disciples] left . . . rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.*”

Hymn of the Week: Lutheran Service Book #470 “*O Sons and Daughters of the King*”

Readings for the Week [*The readings for Thursday-Saturday are the Scriptures for this coming Sunday.*]:

Monday	Exodus 15:1-18	<i>How does God's victory over Egypt foreshadow His victory at Easter? From what are we set free?</i>
Tuesday	Acts 13:26-33	<i>Why should the Jews have recognized Jesus as the Messiah?</i>
Wednesday	Psalms 148	<i>Why should all creation praise the Lord? Why especially us?</i>
Thursday	Acts 5:29-42	<i>What confidence can these verses give us today? Where is our victory? Can it be taken away?</i>
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>God provides, guards, tests, and saves! How is He working all these things in you?</i>
Saturday	John 20:19-31	<i>What did the disciples need? How did Jesus give it to them? What do we need? How does Jesus give it to us?</i>

The Catechism – The Sacrament of the Altar: *What is the Sacrament of the Altar? [Part 2] Where is this written?* The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Collect for the Week: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

The Prayers: Please pray for . . .

- + yourself and for all in need (remembering especially those on our prayer list).
 - + an end to the pandemic and healing to all who have this virus.
 - + God's blessing, wisdom, guidance, and strength for Pastor Douthwaite.
 - + the China Evangelical Lutheran Church, for God's blessing, guidance, and provision.
 - + God's blessing, guidance, and strength for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN.
- Conclude with the Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism.*

Now joyfully go about your day (or to bed) in good cheer, child of God!

In our prayers this week, we remember:

All who have contracted the new coronavirus.

Randy Myers (Randy's father) who is hospitalized.

Jim Cassell, recovering at home from (non-virus related) hospitalization.

Bob Brown (father of friend of Pastor) for healing from a severely broken leg.

Amy Drake (friend of Michelle Wing) in New York to help care for the sick.

Carris Vondal, Lisa Votraw, Barb and Nancy (Kathy Kielmeyer's mother and sister) and **Dan Miksa** [HLC], for healing and strength.

Nick McCarthy (friend of the Fields family) diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

Heidi (Michael Vondal's fiancé) for healing and strength from lupus and other health problems.

For those who are elderly and/or homebound: **Roy Clark, Reinhardt Wing, and Eleanor Reid** (Wing family friend), for Your blessing, faith, protection, care, and strength.

The Vondal, Wing, Vigil, and Nus families for Your blessing, protection, strength, and faith.

Eva Marsh, Jonathan Malekzadeh, Susan Cassell, and Jacque Strege (Mickey Vondal's sister), for Your continued strength and healing.

For all with cancer, for Your strength, faith and hope, and endurance in their treatments: **Elizabeth Libby**, with multiple myeloma, **Kristen** (cousin of Elise Mertz), **Jill Bailey** (Nancy Nus' sister-in-law), **Carol Joiner** (friend of the Fields family), **Kim Bloomquist** (friend of Susan Marcelli) with liver cancer, **Debbie Dupuy** (Barbara Power's sister), **Kristen Perugini** (friend of the Killians), **Beatrice McInnis** (Michelle Wing's grandmother).

Kristoffer Rush (Richard and Lena's son), for help, hope, and faith, and **Ashley Powers and Thomas McCaughey** (friend of Juliana Wing), for protection, strength, and faith.

Scott Goss (friend of Scott Killian) for the Word of God to continue to work in his heart and strengthen him in faith and hope.

Ali Zaerivand (friend of the Keisers) for faith and hope as he awaits an immigration hearing.

Jason and Sandy (friends of Elizabeth Libby) for faith and hope in Christ.

Sahilis Figueroa (Viviana's sister) and **David Fisher** (Destry's friend) **and their families**, for Your protection, guidance, peace, and faith.

Leslie, Dorris, and their children (from our Spanish Bible Study) for protection and faith, and for Your wisdom and guidance for the future.

Joylyn Skeete (friend of Elizabeth Libby), for the peace and comfort of Christ in her heart.

Evan (friend of Kitty), **Fatma** (friend of our church), **Huan, Suresh, and Tamim Islamzadeh and his family** (friends of the Malekzadeh family), for the gift of faith.

For our seminary students **Brett Witmer** (4th year), and **Daniel Broaddus** (Ph.D. student).

For the **Wolf family** (missionaries to Africa), **Rev. Rob Kieselowsky** (mission work in Philadelphia), and **Rev. Charles St-Onge** (mission work in Quebec and mission facilitator in the Caribbean), for blessing, provision, wisdom, and guidance.

For those serving our country in the military: **Joshua Ecker, John Boling** (friend of the Vondals), and **Gabe Escude** (friend of the Fields).

For our catechumens: **Caleb Hoverson, Caleb and Eli Malekzadeh, Tristan Rosenberry, Joshua Vigil, and Leander Wing**.

For our college students: **Sarah Douthwaite, Kitty Fields, Logan Hansen, Sydnie Henry, Caleb Hoverson, Rachel Keiser, Noah Leraas, Susan Marcelli, Elise Mertz, Kirsten and Sarah Nus, Nathan Reiley, and Matthew Torkelson**.

Members and friends in prayer this week: **Noah Leraas**

For God's blessing upon the **Lutheran Church in Kenya**, Matongo Lutheran Seminary, Nyapalo congregation, and Hope for the Destitute (care for widows and orphans).

For all who have placed their hope and trust in the name of Your beloved Son, but especially for those Christians in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Kenya, Sweden, Finland, the Sudan, and other countries, who endure serious and difficult persecution, even unto death.

For the Lord to bless a future **deaf mission at St. Athanasius** and **our mission church, Hope Lutheran Church, in Purcellville.**

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Remember to pray for our church officers, board members, and teachers:

President: Peter Brondos

Vice President: Scott Killian

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Treasurer: Carris Vondal

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Sunday School Teachers: Laurie Douthwaite, Hillary Johnson, Elizabeth Libby, Susan Marcelli, and Mickey Vondal.