

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
 For the week of the Transfiguration of Our Lord  
 January 28, 2007 through February 4, 2007

**Catechesis Notes for the Week— "The Word of God is the Fountain of Life"**—Faith lives and breathes the Word of God. It is the Word of God that calls us to faith and it is the Word of God that we speak forth to Him in our confessions and prayers. The Word of God teaches us to know ourselves aright and to know who God is and what He has done for us. The Word of God draws us into the love of God in Christ. This week we begin our meditation upon the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is first and foremost God's Word. Every line of every petition invites us to believe in Him and to rely upon the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. With the Words "Our Father who art in heaven..." He invites us to claim the promises of our Baptism and cry out to Him like confident Children hang on to their loving father. The first petition invites us to find our life and salvation in the teaching of the Word of God. We know of no Savior Jesus Christ apart from that Savior who comes to us by the Spirit of God in the teaching of God's Word. No wonder we cling to the teaching of God's Word like a lover who hangs upon every Word of her beloved. The Apostle John confirms our hope and status as children of God by which we pray "Our Father," when he writes, "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2).

## 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: The Glory of God Transfigured the Flesh of Jesus.

#### Invocation

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

#### Apostles' Creed

Verse: 2 Peter 1:21

Prophecy never came by the will of man,  
 but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

#### Psalm 99 and/or the appointed daily psalms for listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Lord Jesus, be our Guide and our Defense in this evil world, that we may never be ashamed to confess You before men, but may serve You in all holy conversation and constant faithfulness. Restrain the evil counsels of those who set themselves against You and Your Church, and cause them to see the evil of their ways, that they may be turned to You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76	78
Evening	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77	79

#### The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—The Introduction and First Petition

What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer? <b>Our Father who art in heaven.</b>	Preschool +
What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.	First Grade +
What is the First Petition? <b>Hallowed be Thy name.</b>	Preschool +
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.	Second Grade +
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!	Third Grade +

**Readings for the Week of the Week of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Day	First Reading—Bible Stories for the Family and Academy	Second Reading
Monday	Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray—Luke 11:1-4 (Part 1)	1 Corinthians 5:9–6:20
Tuesday	Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray—Luke 11:5-8 (Part 2)	1 Corinthians 7:1-40
Wednesday	Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray—Luke 11:9-13 (Part 3)	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Thursday	The Centurion Prays to Jesus for His Servant—Matthew 8:5-13	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
Friday	A Canaanite Woman Prays for Her Daughter—Matthew 15:21-28	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
Saturday	Look ahead to Sunday	1 Corinthians 11:1-22

**Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace**

*Collect for the Week of the Transfiguration of Our Lord:*

**O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son You once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace. Therefore mercifully make us coheirs with our King of His glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Daily Themes for Prayer**

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family; living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially Peace Lutheran Academy, our church schools, and seminaries.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

*In Our Prayers this Week*

*Mackenzie Dhein, infant daughter of Ted and Kristin Dhein, baptized on Sunday, January 28.  
The family and friends of Ann Pagac, who mourn her death. Ann is the mother of Joanne LaSage.  
The family and friends of Amy Main, who mourn her death. Amy was a friend of Jason and Cathy Petersen.  
Those suffering in various stages of cancer: Ann Pagac, Frieda (Erna DeRidder's sister), Marvin Schmidt (brother of Arnold), and Tom DeRidder.*

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of Week**

**“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” (Stanzas 1–3)**

**414**

**Look forward to Septuagesima Sunday**

**February 4, 2007**

**Hymns: 555 (1-5), 555 (6-10), 827**

**Exodus 17:1-7:** *It was the Lord who sustained Israel throughout their wilderness pilgrimage. He sustained them with manna from heaven and with the water from the Rock. Paul tells us in First Corinthians that the Rock that followed them was Christ. Israel's pilgrimage for forty years in the wilderness corresponds to the pilgrimage of the Church in this valley of sorrow. It is the Lord alone who sustains us by His grace. He gives us the true manna from heaven, His body and blood, in the Supper.*

**1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5:** *Paul's teaching on the Lord's Supper emphasizes that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us in the Sacrament and that worthy reception of the Lord's Supper requires a penitent faith in the Gospel.*

**Matthew 20:1-16:** *According to human reason, salvation is unfair because it is not based on our works at all, but is given freely by grace for Christ's sake. This is a parable of grace that teaches us that God shows no partiality in the bestowal of salvation. His gift is given solely on the basis of His undeserved love, and not because of a man's works.*