

# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

## Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

Isaiah 40:25–31; 1 Peter 2:11–20; John 16:16–22

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. **“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him”**



(Lamentations 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. **“A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me”** (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy

when He returns. **“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”** (Isaiah 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ, the crucified and risen Savior. **“And no one will take your joy from you”** (John 16:22).

✠ JUBILATE ✠

**INVOCATION** *(make the sign of the holy cross and say)*

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**THE 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 is seated 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.

**PSALMODY** *(sing or read out loud each day)*

Psalm 147

**LEARN BY HEART LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM:** The Lord’s Prayer

*The Third Petition*

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.**

*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.**

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Proverbs 6:20-35	Deuteronomy 13	Hosea 10	Titus 3:12-15
<b>Monday:</b>	Proverbs 7	Deuteronomy 14	Hosea 11-12	Philemon 1-3
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Proverbs 8	Deuteronomy 15:1-18	Hosea 13	Philemon 4-7
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Proverbs 9	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17	Hosea 14	Philemon 8-22
<b>Thursday:</b>	Proverbs 10	Deuteronomy 16:18-17:20	Amos 1:1-2:5	Philemon 23-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Proverbs 11-12	Deuteronomy 18	Amos 2:6-16	Matthew 1:1-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Proverbs 13-14	Deuteronomy 19	Amos 3	Matthew 1:18-2:12

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*With High Delight Let Us Unite*

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## PRAYERS

*The following suggestions are offered as an aid in developing the habit of praying for ourselves and others each week:*

**Sunday:** For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by Word and Sacrament.

**Monday:** For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

**Wednesday:** For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to God's Word; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday:** For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

**Friday:** For faithful preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

**Saturday:** For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ's holy gifts.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Morning

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.

Evening

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.

**BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all.

**Amen.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY:** *Cantate*

Isaiah 12:1–6

Psalm 66

James 1:16–21

John 16:5–15

Hymn of the Day

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

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