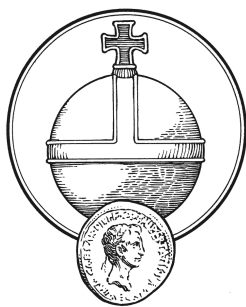


THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

Render to God the Things of God

Proverbs 8:11–22; Philippians 3:17–21; Matthew 22:15–22

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked **“in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice”** and discerned that wisdom **“is better than jewels”** and **“better than gold, even fine gold”** (Proverbs 8:11–22). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our **“end is destruction”** (Philippians 3:19). However, our humble and



prudent Lord has rendered **“to God the things that are God’s”** (Matthew 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true **“riches and honor**

are with [Him],” because **“enduring wealth and righteousness”** (Proverbs 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which **“we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”** He **“will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself”** (Philippians 3:20–21).

✠ THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✠

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 111

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

- 5. *Do you hope to be saved?* **Yes, that is my hope.**
- 6. *In whom then do you trust?* **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 7. *Who is Christ?* **The Son of God, true God and man.**
- 8. *How many Gods are there?* **Only One, but there are three person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Psalm 123	Job 8	Isaiah 28	1 John 2:7-17
Monday: Psalm 124	Job 9-10	Isaiah 29:1-30:17	1 John 2:18-3:3
Tuesday: Psalm 125	Job 11	Isaiah 30:18-32:20	1 John 3:4-24
Wednesday: Psalm 126	Job 12	Isaiah 33-34	1 John 4
Thursday: Psalm 127	Job 13	Isaiah 35	1 John 5
Friday: Psalm 128	Job 14	Isaiah 36-37	2 John
Saturday: Psalm 129	Job 15	Isaiah 38	3 John

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.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, k 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: *The Feast of All Saints*

Revelation 7:2–17

Psalm 149

1 John 3:1–3

Matthew 5:1–12

Hymn of the Day

For All the Saints

LSB 677