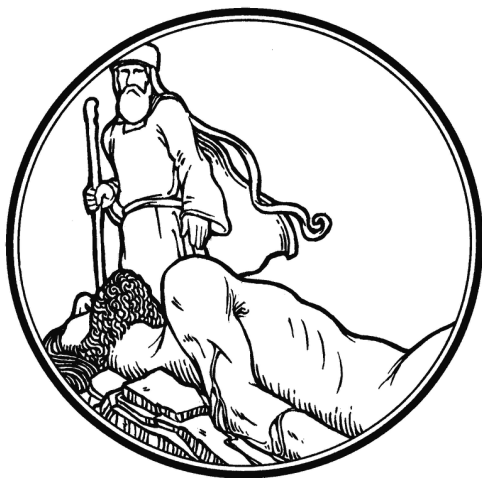


# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

## Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

Leviticus 19:9–18; Galatians 3:15–22; Luke 10:23–37

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God. In Jesus' parable, two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road. Only the Promised Seed of Abraham can rescue



us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us.

Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord clothes us, gives us food and drink, and brings us to our true and rightful home, as the good men of Samaria had done centuries earlier.

✠ THE THIRTEENTH 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 132

**LEARN BY HEART LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM: Daily Prayers — Asking a Blessing**

*The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:*

**The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)**

*Then shall be said the Lord’s Prayer and the following:*

**Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Psalm 68	1 Kings 3	Ezekiel 29-30	Romans 3:9-20
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalm 69	1 Kings 4	Ezekiel 31	Romans 3:21-31
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalm 70	1 Kings 5	Ezekiel 32	Romans 4
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalm 71	1 Kings 6	Ezekiel 33	Romans 5:1-11
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalm 72	1 Kings 7	Ezekiel 34	Romans 5:12-21
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalm 73	1 Kings 8:1-21	Ezekiel 35	Romans 6
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalm 74	1 Kings 8:22-66	Ezekiel 36	Romans 7

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

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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 and Everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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:** *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Proverbs 4:10–23

Psalms 119

Galatians 5:16–24

Luke 17:11–19

Hymn of the Day

*From God Can Nothing Move Me*

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