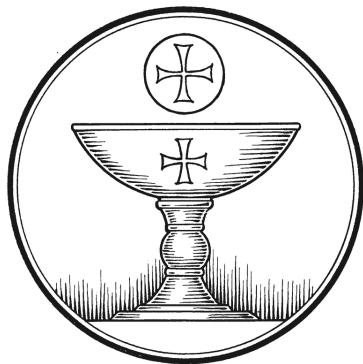


# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

## The Gospel Call Goes Out to All

Proverbs 9:1–10; Ephesians 2:13–22; Luke 14:15–24

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: **“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight”** (Proverbs 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His



saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master’s house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15–24), for **“you who once were far off have been**

**brought near by the blood of Christ”** (Ephesians 2:13–22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13–18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom that has no end.

✠ THE SECOND 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 34

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

*The Seventh Petition*

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in Heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in Heaven.**

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Sunday:</b> Ecclesiastes 9:11-18	Joshua 16-17	Jeremiah 9:23-10:25	Matthew 24
<b>Monday:</b> Ecclesiastes 10	Joshua 18-19	Jeremiah 11:1-17	Matthew 25
<b>Tuesday:</b> Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	Joshua 20	Jeremiah 11:18-12:17	Matthew 26:1-29
<b>Wednesday:</b> Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8	Joshua 21	Jeremiah 13	Matthew 26:30-75
<b>Thursday:</b> Ecclesiastes 12:9-14	Joshua 22	Jeremiah 14:1-15:9	Matthew 27:1-26
<b>Friday:</b> Song of Solomon 1:1-8	Joshua 23-24	Jeremiah 15:10-16:21	Matthew 27:27-66
<b>Saturday:</b> Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7	Judges 1	Jeremiah 17	Matthew 28

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*A Multitude Comes from the East and the West*

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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.

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, 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 Third Sunday after Trinity*

Micah 7:18–20

Psalm 103

1 Peter 5:6–11

Luke 15

Hymn of the Day

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

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