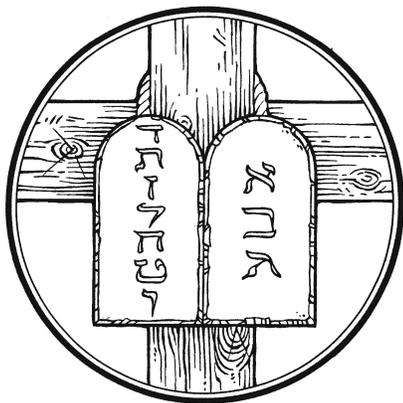


# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

## In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

Deuteronomy 10:12–21; 1 Corinthians 1:1–9; Matthew 22:34–46

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matthew 22:34–46). The Law requires you to **“fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your**



**heart and with all your soul”** and to **“love the sojourner”** (Deuteronomy 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Corinthians 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord,

true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that **“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord”** (1 Corinthians 1:9).

✠ THE EIGHTEENTH 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: Table of Duties**

*Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.*

**To Youth**

1 Peter 5:5-6

**To Widows**

1 Timothy 5:5-6

**To Everyone**

Romans 13:9

1 Timothy 2:1

*Let each his lesson learn with care, And all the household well shall fare.*

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Psalm 110	2 Kings 18	Isaiah 7-8	John 11:55-12:19
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalm 111	2 Kings 19	Isaiah 9:1-7	John 12:20-50
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalm 112	2 Kings 20	Isaiah 9:8-10:34	John 13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalm 113	2 Kings 21	Isaiah 11-12	John 14
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalm 114	2 Kings 22	Isaiah 13-14	John 15:1-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalm 115	2 Kings 23:1-30	Isaiah 15-16	John 15:18-16:15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalm 116	2 Kings 23:31-24:17	Isaiah 17-18	John 16:16-33

**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 God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Genesis 28:10–17

Psalm 84

Ephesians 4:22–28

Matthew 9:1–8

Hymn of the Day

*Praise the Almighty*

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