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A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

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Devotions



The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Opening Sentences

My righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

(Isaiah 53:11b NIV)

PSALM 91:9-16

⁹ You have made the Lord your defender, the Most High your protector,

¹⁰ and so no disaster will strike you, no violence will come near your home.

You have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place

¹¹ God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.

¹² They will hold you up with their hands to keep you from hurting your feet on the stones.

¹³ You will trample down lions and snakes, fierce lions and poisonous snakes.

You have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place

¹⁴ God says, "I will save those who love me and will protect those who acknowledge me as Lord.

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; when they are in trouble, I will be with them. I will rescue them and honor them.

You have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place

¹⁶ I will reward them with long life; I will save them."

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.



Catechesis Notes for the week

Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray

Luke 11:1-13

Why was Jesus Praying? What did the disciples ask of Jesus? What does Jesus' answer teach us about the importance of the Lord's Prayer? To whom has the Lord's Prayer been given? Who gives us the words to pray? What does the Word of God do and how does it serve the Christian prayer? What promise does the Lord give to the baptised children of God who "ask," "seek," and "Knock" in prayer? What does our Father in heaven promise to give His children?

The disciples of Jesus learned the importance of prayer by observing the discipline and frequency of Jesus' prayers. He departed often to a solitary place to pray.

The words "our Father" teach us that our relationship to God is like that of children to their father, rather than a civil ruler to his subjects.

The disciples desired that Jesus teach them how to pray. Jesus answered their question in a remarkably direct and specific way. When you pray, say: *Our Father who art in heaven*. Jesus gave his disciples the very words to pray. Before the words of the Lord's Prayer were ever *our* words, they were first the *Word of God*. This teaches us that all true prayer is anchored in the Word of God. It teaches us what our Father in heaven has done for us in Christ and the help we should seek from Him. We pray because of God's Word and promise to us. Prayer is the voice of faith which claims the promises of God's Word through Jesus Christ our Saviour. We pray to Him, because He has promised us His Holy Spirit, the gift of faith, forgiveness of sins, rescue from temptation, death, and the devil, and every temporal and spiritual blessing to support us in this body and life. Each petition of the Lord's Prayer is first and foremost God's promise to us in Christ; then it becomes our prayer when it is received in faith. In the Lord's Prayer we ask that our heavenly Father would do for us what He Himself has promised to do.

There are no strings attached to God's promises. He will do what He has said. His invitation to ask, seek, and knock are comforting promises of the Gospel which teach us to rely upon what the Father has promised in Christ. We need God's help against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

Excerpts from Lutheran Catechesis

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven

In what way does the word Father in the Lord's Prayer encourage us to pray?

The word *Father* tells us that God loves us and wants us to pray to Him confidently and without fear.

Hallowed be Your name.

What are we asking when we pray that God's name be made holy?

Since God's name is God as He has revealed Himself to us, we cannot make His name holy, but we do pray that He would help us keep His name holy in our lives.

Your kingdom come.

What is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is His ruling as king over the whole universe, the church on earth, and the church and angels in heaven.

Luther's Small Catechism *with explanation*

Prayers:

Prayer of the Week (Collect) [Let us pray that we are willing servants.]

Jesus, Son of God, we thank you that you suffered so much because of our sins and gave up your life. Make us willing to serve, and strengthen us for suffering, until we live with you forever. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

In our prayers This Week – Ron Kleidon – general health issues;

Call to Prayer

God's word says, 'Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him.' Let us likewise pray to our heavenly Father who loves all his children.

Themes for Prayer

- ❖ for the church, that it may not seek greatness but be servant to many
- ❖ for the members of the church, that they may not all aspire to be leaders but seek God and his will for them as essential members of the body of Christ
- ❖ for the government on all levels, that it may not focus on itself as a ruling body but as a servant to the people
- ❖ for agencies that were initially formed as agencies of service, that they may adhere to their cause and serve the people in need (Social Security, employment agencies, welfare agencies, charities, etc)
- ❖ for those who are both ignorant and wayward; for teenagers who go astray because they know no different
- ❖ for the victims of emotional, verbal, physical and sexual abuse, that they may find release and protection, and for those who perpetrate such abuse, that they cease trying to use others for their own purposes

Merciful God, Jesus poured out himself to death, and was numbered with us, the transgressors, bore our sin, and made intercession for all of us transgressors. Hear our prayers as we intercede for those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Resisting the Flesh at Home in the World

<i>Day</i>	<i>1st Reading – Bible Stories for the Family</i>	<i>2nd Reading</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>Luke 10:1-9</i>	Exodus 33:12-23
<i>Tue</i>	Ephesians 5:15-21	Jeremiah 20:7-13
<i>Wed</i>	Isaiah 65:1,2	Matthew 10:16-25
<i>Thu</i>	Matthew 21:28-44	Matthew 21:33-46
<i>Fri</i>	Mark 10:46-52	Psalms 126
<i>Sat</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Hebrews 7:23-28

Lord's Prayer, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Morning Prayer

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. Amen.

Evening Prayer

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. Amen.

Blessing: Go in peace, as servants of our Lord. Amen.

Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, or in the evening, then go to sleep at once and in good cheer

Hymn/song of the Week: LH 426 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in Prayer

Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)

Looking forward to:

22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

24 Oct '21

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord will save a remnant of Israel

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus is a priest forever

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus heals a blind man



Mark 10:35-45

- What did your parents want you to be when you grew up?
- What view of the kingdom are James and John still clinging to?
- How does Jesus use the uproar of the disciples (v.41) to convey new insights into what greatness is?
- How does Jesus practice what he preached?
- In this context, what is a “ransom for many”?
- How is the death of Christ the ultimate service to all?
- How does Jesus’ life as a servant influence your view of spiritual power, relationships, and your use of spiritual gifts?



Notes on the Readings for Sunday 17 October

ISAIAH 53:4-12: Many scholars have attempted to limit the 'suffering servant' songs of Isaiah to his own local and contemporary surroundings. One such explanation makes the suffering servant to be the nation of Israel. However, it is easy to see in this particular song that the 'servant' is a messianic figure who will save his people. It is also clear that the range of activities in this particular prophecy reaches far further than the prophet's own personal knowledge and experience. The connections of thought with Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, not to mention God's plan of salvation, are astoundingly many and varied. Even though written 600 years before, it is difficult to escape the conclusion that Christ is the new and real Israel being described.

HEBREWS 5:1-10: In the first four verses of this chapter we see the requirements for an earthly high priest in Israel. He needed to understand his function as a sympathetic representative of sinners before God. In the following verses (5-10) we see that Christ as our high priest learnt to understand the sinner's temptations through his own human struggles, even though he never sinned. God ratified his appointment through the miracle of the divine paternity in his birth and through the fulfilment of messianic prophecy (v 6). Note that Melchizedek was a king of Salem and a 'priest of the most high God' who served Abram on one occasion. When King David, much later (approx. 1000 BC) conquered Jerusalem and made it his capital, he took Melchizedek's title of priest-king (Ps 110:4). As Jesus Christ was the Davidic *King* prophesied to 'rule forever', the writer uses this title to illustrate Christ's infinitely superior high priesthood compared to any other.

MARK 10:35-45: The world around us applauds those who can exercise power over others. James and John, sons of Zebedee, saw the kingdom in this light when they came to Jesus with their request. According to his human nature, Jesus could not grant what belonged in the province of the cooperative work of the Trinity. Even if he could have exercised that authority, he could never grant a request which was based on a priority of human ambition. In the kingdom of God, true greatness is in service. Our Lord knew that his principal mission was to obey his heavenly Father by suffering and dying to serve the eternal interests of the human race whose sins he would bear.

LCA planning page



WQL Go Groups

Miles Women's Fellowship – 1st
Friday of each month, 9.00am

Chinchilla Women's Fellowship –
2nd Tuesday of each month, 9.30am

Chinchilla Women's Bible Study –
1st & 3rd Tue of each month, 9.30am

Chinchilla Friendship Club – 1st
Tuesday of each month, 1.00pm

Miles – Every Tuesday, 5.30pm

Soul Spa – In Recess until 2022

Downfall Creek – Wednesday
6.30pm

Spirit Filled (Bruggemann's) –
Every Monday, 6.00pm during School
Term

Sunday School – 10am each Sunday
during School Term



DIVINE SERVICES

Oct 17

Pastor Noel Noack
8.30am Chinchilla HC
2.00pm Miles HC??
6.00pm Downfall Creek HC
Home Church @ Harrison's
Dulacca time 11.00am
Pastor Mark Hampel
4.00pm Charleville HC

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8.30am Chinchilla LR
2.00pm Miles LR??
6.00pm Downfall Creek LR

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Pastor Noel - Reformation
8.30am Chinchilla HC
2.00pm Miles HC??
6.00pm Downfall Creek HC

Nov 07

Pastor Noel - All Saints Day
8.30am Chinchilla HC
2.00pm Miles HC???
6.00pm Downfall Creek HC

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8.30am Chinchilla LR
2.00pm Miles LR??
6.00pm Downfall Creek LR

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In today's worship

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Hymns/Songs

LH 161; AT 261; LH 855; LH 810

Announcements – Please have
announcements to the office by 10am
Thursday. Email
trinitychinchilla@gmail.com.

Noticeboard

Trinity Women's Bible Study & Friendship Club Cancelled for October.

Sunday 17 October – Home Church at the Harrison's Dulacca 11.00am

Spirit Filled Go Group meets every Monday evening 6.00pm starting with a light dinner and fellowship – They are currently studying a book by Daniel Bush and Noel Due "Live in Liberty: The Spiritual Message of Galatians". Growing and sharing in relationship with God and one another. Any one is welcome, if there is anyone wishing to come along let Keith or Rhonda know.

Miles Go Group, meet every Tuesday evening, 5.30pm – They are currently studying Acts; some take home points from last Tuesday night Acts 20:1-12, encouragement is important in God's kingdom, off yours to others; time spent with God is a good investment; when you're down and broken be comforted by those who trust in the living God.

The Lutheran – October theme "Together we take Jesus to the nations" – in the index under Special features is "Excited to be following God's call", among many others, this is an article from Pastor Murray and Tracy Smith, as they embark on following God's call to PNG. The *Lutheran* has been recognised by the Australasian Religious Press Association (ARPA) receiving three honours in the 2021 ARPA awards, this article can also be found in the current issue of the *Lutheran*.

Rosters 24 October 2021

Bible Readings

Rhonda Bruggemann

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Church Cleaning

L Eising & C Robinson

From the Parish

2022 Parish Council: Chairman – Ian Peters; **Vice Chairman** – Steven Stiller;

Secretary – Dale Stiller; **Treasurer** – Lois Strand; **Extra Members** – Brian Weier, Wendy Boshammer, Keith Bruggemann & Kerrin Kowald.

Creative Response

Read Mark 10:35-37. Obviously, James and John were not listening to the words of Jesus that spoke of his suffering and death.

Sometimes we only hear what we want to hear without listening to others, including God. A valuable Christian tradition is to sit in silence and listen for God to speak to us.

Take time this week to sit in silence and listen for how God wants to speak to you. Use the words from Mark 10:45 ("He came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many") to read slowly, quietly and thoughtfully during this time.



Mealtime prayer

Lord, you fill each cup, you fill each plate. Help us your love to imitate. Amen.

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for serving us. Teach us how to serve others from the heart. Amen.

BLESSING

May you now the love of Jesus, your Saviour. May you grow in serving other, reflecting the heart of Jesus.

Service



The very best way to learn the value of service is to do it!

Here are some ideas to serve as a family this week:

- Engage your children in serving others together with you (eg: weed a garden, bake biscuits, visit an elderly neighbour)
- Take advantage of service opportunities offered through your church, school or local community.
- Help each other know how Christ serves us, and calls us, in turn to serve others.