



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday in Lent
March 13 through March 19, 2022*

Jesus begins His journey to Jerusalem, and no one—neither Herod nor the Pharisees—will stop Him, for it is His Father’s will that He go to the Holy City to endure His Passion and death. In His sufferings, He shall found a new kingdom: that of His Father in heaven. All who believe in Him shall inherit this kingdom and become citizens of the New Jerusalem.

AN ORDER FOR DAILY MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Read the Scriptures appointed for the day, review the readings from Sunday, and learn by heart the appointed verse and portion of the Small Catechism. Conclude with the Psalms, the Collect, and the prayers, using the guidelines as you see appropriate.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 13	Psalm 139:7-10	Gen. 16:1-9, 15— 17:22	Mark 6:1-13
Monday, March 14	Psalm 91:9-16	Gen. 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
Tuesday, March 15	Psalm 126	Gen. 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
Wednesday, March 16	Psalm 66:8-15	Gen. 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
Thursday, March 17	Psalm 28:6-9	Gen. 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
Friday, March 18	Psalm 118:19-24	Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67	Mark 8:1-21
Saturday, March 19	Psalm 2:7-9	Gen. 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MARCH 13, 2022

Theme: Nothing shall prevent Jesus from going to His death in Jerusalem.

Hymn: 651, “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 26:8–15: Jeremiah the prophet is threatened by the Jerusalemites for prophesying against the city. Jeremiah rebukes them, saying that if they kill him, God will not hold that city innocent.

Philippians 3:17—4:1: St. Paul urges the Church, as citizens of a new kingdom, to remain unstained from the world, for those who live only to satisfy their desires will be destroyed, but those who suffer on for the sake of Christ will be rewarded.

Luke 13:31–35: The Pharisees seek to avert Jesus from going to Jerusalem. Jesus rebukes them, then explains that He must go to Jerusalem so that He may die there.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Galatians 3:26-27: “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: CONCLUSION

(Important! If you have memorized a different translation in confirmation, it is best to pull out your old catechism and refresh your memory from those texts.)

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 4 (ESV)

Meditate on this Psalm every day when you pray, and use it as the starting place for your own prayer:

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 4¹:

O God, our merciful Father in heaven, fill our hearts with patience under the cross, strengthen our faith, and so govern us that we give offense to none, neither in word nor deed. Grant us also this day all that we need for body and soul. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

O God You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ Reading the Psalms with Luther, CPH, 2007

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER – (From LSB page 294)

Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises 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: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, 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: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: Pray 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 and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

IN OUR PRAYERS AT CHRIST:

Prayer Family: *Nancy Tatum* and her loved ones

David Entrekin, friend of Mark Ochs, who is recovering from surgery

The Family of Judy Engelbrecht, Mary Atchley's aunt, who has entered eternal rest

Sandra Landers, Sabrina Goodlett's mother, who is in hospice

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Luther's 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.