



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 23 through October 29, 2022*

The Lord asks us the same question He asked us last week: where will He find faith? Last week, it was in the widow who persistently rapped upon the door of a corrupt judge, believing that she would get justice from him. This week, it is found in a corrupt tax-collector who hopes that he will not find justice from God, since he is a sinner, and justice would surely mean damnation, but rather mercy. They both seek opposite things. One justice, one forgiveness, but they are also both the same, in that they both have faith that the Lord will answer their prayer.

### **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, Oct. 23	Psalm 107:10-16	Deut. 24:10-25:10	Matt. 16:13-28
Monday, Oct. 24	Psalm 99	Deut. 25:17-26:19	Matt. 17:1-13
Tuesday, Oct. 25	Psalm 93	Deut. 27:1-26	Matt. 17:14-27
Wednesday, Oct. 26	Psalm 12	Deut. 28:1-22	Matt. 18:1-20
Thursday, Oct. 27	Psalm 20	Deut. 29:1-29	Matt. 18:21-35
Friday, Oct. 28	Psalm 127	Deut. 30:1-20	Matt. 19:1-15
Saturday, Oct. 29	Psalm 56	Deut. 31:1-29	Matt. 19:16-30

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 23, 2022

**Theme:** Faith brings justice to the oppressed, and forgiveness to the oppressor, and therefore justifies all who look to the Lord.

**Hymn:** 613, “To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

### Summary of Readings:

**Genesis 4:1-15:** The LORD had regard for Abel who trusted in His promise, but for Cain who trusted only in his offering, the LORD had no regard.

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18:** Trusting in the exalted Lord and His promise of rescue for life everlasting, St. Paul humbly offered up all he had, even his own life, in service to the Gospel.

**Luke 18:9-17:** Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector to turn us away from trust in our own righteousness, that we might repent and receive His justification by grace through faith.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Romans 3:28:** “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: FIRST PETITION II**

*(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.)*

### **Hallowed be Thy name.**

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it.

Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 5 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. <sup>2</sup>Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. <sup>4</sup>For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. <sup>5</sup>The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. <sup>6</sup>You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. <sup>7</sup>But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. <sup>8</sup>Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. <sup>9</sup>For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. <sup>10</sup>Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. <sup>11</sup>But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. <sup>12</sup>For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 5<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world and alone the Way to eternal life. Restrain the corrupters of Your Word and all the enemies of Your truth. Preserve the truth of Your Gospel in these later days and in faithful teachers who will lead us in the way everlasting. Grant us to serve You in steadfast faith and a good conscience to our end. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: *Terry Hubmann* and his loved ones

*Christina Gallarno and baby Asher*, as they recover from birth

*Danny Prince*, friend of the Martins, who is undergoing multiple joint replacement surgeries

*The Family of David Walton*, Eloise Springer's nephew, who has entered eternal rest

## **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.