



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of All Saints
November 6 through November 12, 2022*

It is the greatest joy and most perfect pleasure of man, according to his true nature, to see God. It is the desire of Job and of Moses to see God face to face, even as Adam saw God in the garden. Indeed, the name 'Israel' can mean 'Him who sees God.' On this Feast of All Saints, we celebrate and give thanks for all those who have died in the faith, confessing the love of Christ, and who now enjoy the Beatific Vision, who witness the surpassing beauty of the Lord of All Creation, and whose joy has been made complete.

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, Nov. 6	Psalm 118:25-29	Jer. 8:18-9:12	Matt. 23:13-39
Monday, Nov. 7	Psalm 121	Jer. 11:1-23	Matt. 24:1-28
Tuesday, Nov. 8	Psalm 143	Jer. 20:1-18	Matt. 24:29-51
Wednesday, Nov. 9	Psalm 147:1-11	Jer. 22:1-23	Matt. 25:1-13
Thursday, Nov. 10	Psalm 24	Jer. 23:1-20	Matt. 25:14-30
Friday, Nov. 11	Psalm 143:1-10	Jer. 23:21-40	Matt. 25:31-46
Saturday, Nov. 12	Psalm 137	Jer. 25:1-18	Matt. 26:1-19

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Theme: It is the greatest joy of all the saints to see God, and in Christ, all who hold to the faith until the end will be granted the Beatific Vision.

Hymn: 676, “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Summary of Readings:

Revelation 7:2-17: The number of those sealed is enumerated, and the fate of those who die in Christ is described. They shall be comforted, and all their desires will be satisfied.

1 John 3:1-3: Saint John teaches us to conceive of ourselves no longer as children of the world, but as God’s children, and he instructs us that the glory we are to inherit cannot be spoken of, for it cannot be described with earthly words.

Matthew 5:1-12: Christ describes the life of his disciples upon the mount in the words of the Beatitudes.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Matthew 5:11-12: “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SECOND 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.)

Thy kingdom come.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 149 (ESV)

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

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! ²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. ⁵Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, ⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, ⁸to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, ⁹to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 149¹:

Praise, honor, and thanksgiving to You, O Christ, King of glory, because by suffering and death and the shedding of Your blood You redeemed us from the kingdom of darkness, and made us partakers of Your victory over Satan, sin, and death. Grant us a cheerful faith to sing of Your grace with heart and soul and to make known Your salvation among men. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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: *Steve Jeffcoat* and his loved ones

Bradford Chisolm, Jo Rudsenske's cousin, who is ill

Tommy Smith, Chuck Haynes' brother, who is being treated for cancer

The Family of Helen Wetherbee, friend of the Pedersens, 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.