



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16 through February 22, 2025*

The history of mankind has been a chronicle of the endless evils men have committed against men. It is not for no reason that the Scriptures instruct us not to put our trust in sinful human beings. Yet God becomes man, though without sin, that He might redeem us as one of our own, the one truly blessed Man, who takes the curse from us and dies for our sin.

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, Feb. 16	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47
Monday, Feb. 17	Psalm 37:25-29	Job 13:1-12	John 6:1-21
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Psalm 105:1, 23, 37-43	Job 13:13-28	John 6:22-40
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Psalm 53	Job 14:1-22	John 6:41-59
Thursday, Feb. 20	Psalm 16:1, 4-6, 9-11	Job 15:1-23, 30-35	John 6:60-71
Friday, Feb. 21	Psalm 84:1-4, 8-12	Job 16:1-22	John 7:1-13
Saturday, Feb. 22	Psalm 25:15-22	Job 17:1-16	John 7:14-31

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Theme: Put not your trust in princes, nor in the sons of men, but in the Son of Man alone.

Hymn: 705, “The Man Is Ever Blest”

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5–8: The prophet Jeremiah tells God his people to put their trust in Him for their salvation, and not in the hands of wicked men.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20: St. Paul instructs the Church on the resurrection of the dead, that without it our faith is in vain, but that, believing in it firmly, no worldly trial can harm us.

Luke 6:17–26: Jesus teaches the disciples and all gathered around Him in the field, proclaiming blessings upon those who will follow in his way, but woe to those who seek only worldly success.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 103:1: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: FOURTH 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.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 1 (ESV)

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

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 1¹:

O God, thanks and praise belong to You because You have given us Your Holy Word. Enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit to understand Your counsel of grace in Jesus Christ, to love Your Word, and to take delight in learning Your statutes and walking in Your Law. Bestow Your blessing and prosperity on the works of our hands in our Christian calling and all our conversation. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: *Joshua & Rachel Landrum* and their loved ones

Mike Allen, Keith Martin's friend, who is having back surgery

The Hutchins Family, friends of the Hansfords, who recently suffered a housefire

Jennifer Webster, relative of the Martins, who has been diagnosed with cancer

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.