



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 19 through October 25, 2025*

When the crises come and the powers of sin and Satan seem to get the upper hand, we must not lose heart, but must always return to the Righteous Judge for vindication. Like the persistent widow of the parable who returns over and over to the judge, faith turns to God through prayer to receive His vindication – His judgment, His justice, His deliverance purchased and won for us in Christ crucified and risen who gives us the victory over sin and death.

### **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

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| Sunday, Oct. 19    | Psalm 80:14-19  | Deut. 18:1-22     | Matt. 14:22-36 |
| Monday, Oct. 20    | Psalm 138       | Deut. 19:1-20     | Matt. 15:1-20  |
| Tuesday, Oct. 21   | Psalm 142       | Deut. 20:1-20     | Matt. 15:21-39 |
| Wednesday, Oct. 22 | Psalm 62        | Deut. 21:1-23     | Matt. 16:1-12  |
| Thursday, Oct. 23  | Psalm 107:10-16 | Deut. 24:10-25:10 | Matt. 16:13-28 |
| Friday, Oct. 24    | Psalm 99        | Deut. 25:17-26:19 | Matt. 17:1-13  |
| Saturday, Oct. 25  | Psalm 93        | Deut. 27:1-26     | Matt. 17:14-27 |

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 19, 2025

**Theme:** Persecuted by the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, faith reaches out by prayer to receive vindication in the merits of Christ crucified and risen.

**Hymn:** 509, “Christ Is Surely Coming”

### Summary of Readings:

**Genesis 32:22-30:** Jacob’s wrestling match with the Lord in the midst of his crisis gives us a picture of prayer: Don’t give up and don’t let go, for prayer is where faith receives the Lord’s blessing!

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5:** It is by holding fast to the Scriptures which make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus that we may endure suffering and fulfill the work we are given to do in God’s kingdom.

**Luke 18:1-8:** In the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus identifies prayer as the manifestation of faith that receives His vindication – faith which is itself the gift of God who answers speedily in every time of need.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Mark 10:7-9:** “‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE 6<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENT**

*(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.)*

*What is the Sixth Commandment? **You shall not commit adultery.***

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.*

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 121 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 121<sup>1</sup>:**

To You, O God, who has hitherto been our Father and our Patron, do we lift up our eyes, knowing that from You alone can come our help and our salvation. Grant us a living trust in Your mercy and truth that hearts do not fear when we must pass through the fire of trials or must wade through the waters of affliction, but always maintain a cheerful trust in Your help, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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.

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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: *Bruce Bodkin* and his loved ones

*Kenneth McGowan*, friend of Nathan Brownstein, who is being treated for cancer

*Baker Lee Tynes*, the Weidner's great-grandson, who was recently born

*Angie Standish*, friend of the Martins, who is seriously ill

## **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.