

The Congregation at Prayer:

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

for the week of

The Resurrection of Our Lord

(March 31 through April 7)

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray, confess, and read aloud as much from the Order of Meditation and Prayer as you are able, or as the size and age of your family members dictate. Strive to learn by heart the assigned verse, catechism excerpt, and hymn.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Psalmody

Pray the appointed psalm for the week (8) as well as one or more of the appointed daily psalms listed below. Conclude with the psalm prayer.

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Morning:	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39
Evening:	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40

Lord Jesus Christ, you were delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Bless and defend your Holy Church. Endue your words with power, strengthen our faith, and after the sufferings of this life grant us to celebrate a joyous resurrection, rising again to live and reign with you in all eternity; through your most holy name, O Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verse of the Week – Psalm 19:1

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork.”

Catechism Excerpt – The Creed

What is the First Article of the Creed? I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean (cont.)? [I believe] He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Read one or both of the appointed readings for the day as listed below.

Sunday: Job 19:23–27 <i>Easter</i> Mark 16:1–8	Wednesday: Exod 16:13–35 <i>Easter</i> Heb 10:19–39 <i>Wednesday</i>	Saturday: Exod 19:1–25 Heb 13:1–21
Monday: Exod 15:1–18 <i>Easter Monday</i> Heb 9:1–28	Thursday: Exod 17:1–16 Heb 11:1–29	Sunday: Ezek 37:1–14 <i>Quasimodo</i> John 20:19–31 <i>Geniti</i>
Tuesday: Exod 15:19–16:12 <i>Easter Tuesday</i> Heb 10:1–18	Friday: Exod 18:5–27 Heb 12:1–24	

Hymn of the Month

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” (ELH 316)

Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for The Resurrection of Our Lord

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer from the Fathers

O God of hope, the true light of faithful souls and perfect brightness of the blessed, who is truly the Light of the world, grant that our hearts may both render you a worthy prayer and always glorify you with the offering of praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ The Gelasian Sacramentary

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Pray for the church of God, and for all people according to their needs, especially:

for those who require ongoing prayers:

Larry Helfers
Shannon Ellis
Gayle Crawford
Wilma Windhorst

for those who teach and learn at:

Mound City School District

for good health, healing, and recovery:

J.R. Chaney (son-in-law of the Jenkins Family)
Steve Miller (friend of Ted Thurnau)
Morris Martin (coworker of Kevin Wright)

for persecuted Christians in:

Nicaragua, Oman, and Ethiopia

for our brethren in faith and confession:

President Gijsbertus van Hattem and
Evangelisch-Lutherse Kerk in België

Luther’s Morning or Evening Prayer (LSB 327)

Benediction

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.