

The Congregation at Prayer:

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

for the week of

Quasimodo Geniti

(April 7 through April 14)

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 (81) 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:	39	41	43	45	47	49	51	53
Evening:	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54

O Lord, God of all grace, anoint us with the oil of joy, causing your Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, that he may teach us to worship you in spirit and in truth. And whenever we enter into your courts, let it be done with a joyous heart, to give glory to you, and to praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verse of the Week – Psalm 140:12

“I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the poor.”

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 that] he defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this he does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Readings from Holy Scripture

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

Sunday: Ezek 37:1–14 <i>Quasimodo Geniti</i>	Wednesday: Exod 24:1–18 Luke 5:1–16	Saturday: Exod 32:1–14 Luke 6:20–38
Monday: Exod 22:20–23:13 Luke 4:16–30	Thursday: Exod 25:1–22 Luke 5:17–39	Sunday: Ezek 34:11–16 <i>Misericordias Domini</i>
Tuesday: Exod 23:14–33 Luke 4:31–44	Friday: Exod 31:1–18 Luke 6:1–19	

Hymn of the Month

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

Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for Quasimodo Geniti

Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection, may by your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer from the Fathers

Give perfection to beginners, O Father; give intelligence to the little ones; give aid to those who are running their course. Give sorrow to the negligent; give fervor of spirit to the lukewarm. Give to the perfect a good consummation; for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. ~ St. Irenaeus

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:

Holt County Head Start

for good health, healing, and recovery:

Steve Miller (friend of Ted Thurnau)
Morris Martin (coworker of Kevin Wright)

for persecuted Christians in:

Tunisia, Colombia, and Vietnam

for our brethren in faith and confession:

President Leif Jensen and
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in
Denmark

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.