

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
(Jan. 26th – Feb. 1st)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

This Week's Catechetical Theme: 3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

On the 3rd Petition, Martin Luther writes the following: "We have this comfort and confidence: the devil's will and purpose and all our enemies shall and must fail and come to nothing, no matter how proud, secure, and powerful they know themselves to be. For if their will were not broken and hindered, God's kingdom could not remain on earth nor His name be hallowed" (LC III, 70). The Devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, these three seek to destroy us and God's Kingdom. And so we pray in this petition that the LORD, who desires all to be saved, would break and hinder every evil plan, so that His will would be done among us. This is the theme of this week's study. God bless your time in His Word!

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed

The Catechism: 3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	Matthew 8:1-13	_____	Psalm 11
Monday	Our Enemy the Devil Genesis 3:1-7 & Peter 5:8	St Titus, Pastor and Confessor Acts 20:28-35	Psalm 12
Tuesday	Our Enemies: The World & the Flesh 1 John 2:15-17	God's wrath Is Poured Out Upon Idol Worshippers Exodus 32:15-35	Psalm 13
Wednesday	Evil Meant for Good Genesis 50:15-21	The LORD Renews His Covenant with Israel Exodus 33:1-3 (4-5) 34:1-10, 27-35	Psalm 14
Thursday	God's Enemies are Helpless Psalm 2	Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38	Psalm 15
Friday	God Protects Us from Evil Romans 16:20 & 2 Tim. 1:12	The Burnt Offering Leviticus 1:1-17	Psalm 16
Saturday	Jonah 1:1-17 Romans 8:18-23	The Sin Offering Leviticus (4:1-2) 5:1-10 (11-13)	Psalm 17

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Sun: Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon-Fri.:** What is the evil revealed in the passage? What does the evil seek to do? How is the evil a danger to us? In what way is the evil limited, or even deterred? Who, or what, is the source of our protection from evil? What can we learn from this passage? What comfort does this passage provide? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

Memory Verse

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:40)

In Our Prayers this Week

Circuit Vacancies: Messiah Lutheran (Carlyle). **Those in Need of Healing:** Sherri Williams (Surgery), Susan Kleiboeker (Surgery), Ron Michael (Knee Surgery), Marilyn Edwards, Elbert Brink, Sharon Hanke, Angie Siddell, Timothy Scharr (SID President), Kim Childress (David Childress' Sister), Dawna Wander (David Childress' Friend), Alexis Tehandon (Granddaughter of Debra Wells – Medical Testing). **Our Area Schools:** Carlyle School District, Trinity Lutheran School (Hoffman), Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Jason Brammeier (1/26), Katherine Zimmermann (1/28), Elizabeth Terry, Tyler Albers (1/29), Dennis Kleiboeker, Carson French (1/30). **Wedding Anniversaries:** Earl & Marilyn Schneider (1/26).

The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism
Hymn of the Season: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (LSB 394)