



**For your life in Christ the Week of  
the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter)  
April 10-16, 2023**

*How to use this resource:* Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able or as your family size and ages dictate. You will need your Bible, a Catechism, and an LSB Hymnal. Other resources named within may enrich your meditation.

***Begin***

***Invocation***

*The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

***Hymn of the Week***

LSB #458 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (v. 1)

***Recite***

***Apostles’ Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

***Verse of the Week: John 6:40***

“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.” (ESV)

***The Family Altar***

**A Guide for Daily Meditation and  
Prayer in the Christian Home**

## *Meditate*

### *Psalm: 60-Day Psalm Schedule*

	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Sun.</i>
<b>Morning</b>	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
<b>Evening</b>	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 32: Easter Stories and Catechism Story (The Lord's Prayer - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Petitions)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	The Resurrection of Our Lord - Luke 24:1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-27
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Woman at the Well - John 4:1-30, 39-42</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread - Luke 24:28-35
<b>Friday</b>	Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room - Luke 24:33-49
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>Monday</b>	Ex 15:1-18, Heb 9:1-28
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ex 15:19-16:12, Heb 10:1-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ex 16:13-35, Heb 10:19-39
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 17:1-16, Heb 11:1-29
<b>Friday</b>	Ex 18:5-27, Heb 12:1-24
<b>Saturday</b>	Ex 19:1-25, Heb 13:1-21
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Ex 20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15

## *Study*

### *The Catechism*

*Participants may choose to study the catechism at their own pace or follow along with the selected portion of the catechism for the week.*

### **Review 3rd and 4th Petitions of the Lord's Prayer**

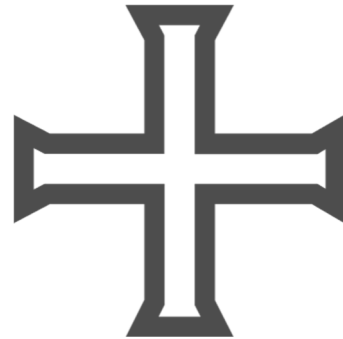
The Lord's Prayer - 3rd and 4th Petitions

See p. 11-12 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

### **Catechism In-Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #215-222

2017 Catechism: Questions #261-275



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### *Daily Themes for Prayer*

**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. **Sunday:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

*Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*

## *Close*

### *Blessing*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

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## Observing the Church Year

### *Liturgical Color(s) of the Week: White*

*White - The color of the pure glory of Christ and the angels. Jesus comes at the fullness of time as the complete fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus' resurrection is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before the Father becomes our purity.*

### *Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations This Week*

*NOTE: The following resources contain great summaries of the observances of the church year*

- 1. TDP- "Treasury of Daily Prayer"*
- 2. CS- "Celebrating the Saints"*

None.

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

**The Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)**

**Readings:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 John 5:4-10; John 20:19-31

### **The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life**

*"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and side, from which blood and water flowed, saying, "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing, we may have life in His name.*