



For your life in Christ the Week of Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)

March 17-23, 2025

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 #615 “When in the Hour of Deepest Need” (vv. 1-2)

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: Psalm 123:3a

“Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.” (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>
Morning	136	138	140	142	144	147	148
Evening	137	139	141	143	145	146	149, 150

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 29: Lent Stories - The Passion According to Matthew
Monday	Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-17
Tuesday	Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany - Matthew 26:2-16
Wednesday	Jesus Celebrates the Passover - Matthew 26:17-35
Thursday	Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane - Matthew 26:36-56
Friday	Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin - Matthew 26:57-75
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday	Gen 18:1-15, Mark 6:14-34 <i>Gen 18:16-20:18</i>
Tuesday	Gen 21:1-21, Mark 6:35-56
Wednesday	Gen 22:1-19, Mark 7:1-23
Thursday	Gen 24:1-31, Mark 7:24-37
Friday	Gen 24:32-52, 61-67, Mark 8:1-21 <i>Gen 25:1-26:35</i>
Saturday	Gen 27:1-29, Mark 8:22-38
3rd Sunday in Lent	Gen 27:30-45; 28:10-22, Mark 9:1-13

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.

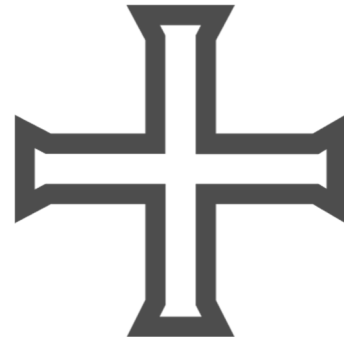
The Lord's Prayer – 6th Petition

See p. 12 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism in Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #228–230

2017 Catechism: Questions #281–284



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

Observing the Church Year

Liturgical Color(s) of the Week: Violet; White

Violet - The color of penitence and self-discipline characteristic of the season. Also a reminder of the mocking royal robe placed on Jesus by the soldiers.

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"

March 17 - St. Patrick, Missionary to Ireland (V) (TDP p. 1284; CS p. 52)

March 19 - St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus (W) (TDP p. 1286; CS p. 54)

Looking Forward to Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 8:16-24 or Jeremiah 26:1-15; Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like that of Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, we have our tongues loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.