

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for The Visitation (July 2, 2017)

Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Psalm of the Week: 103

#### Verse: Luke 10:5b, 9b

"Peace to this house...The kingdom of God has come near to you."

### Catechism: Creed-The Office of the Keys

*As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household*

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

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Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:

**The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;  
if you do not forgive them; they are not forgiven."**

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### Daily Readings

Sun 46. Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me—Matthew 16:24-28  
 Mon 47. The Transfiguration—Matthew 17:1-13  
 Tue 48. A Boy Is Healed—Matthew 17:14-21  
**Wed MIDWEEK SERVICE (7PM)**  
 Thu 49. Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection—Matthew 17:22-27  
 Fri 50. Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven —Matthew 18:1-14  
 Sat *Catch up on readings or look ahead to Sunday's readings*

## Hymn of the Week: LSB 608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

### Daily Themes for Prayer

Sunday: *For the joy of the Resurrection; for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*  
 Monday: *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for our schools, our home schools, our colleges and seminaries; for good government and peace.*  
 Tuesday: *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*  
 Wednesday: *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 rear their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*  
 Thursday: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ and His Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.*  
 Friday: *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for its spread throughout the whole world; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.*  
 Saturday: *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ's holy gifts; for receptive hearts and minds on the Lord's Day.*

### In Our Prayers at Grace—See Sunday Service Folder

### Collect for The Visitation

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Apostles' Creed

### Lord's Prayer

### Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

### Looking forward to Trinity 4

Hymns: 726, 696, 766, 758, 656

Scripture: Gen. 50:15-21, Romans 8:18-23, Luke 6:36-42