

# The Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (July 9, 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: 138

#### Verse: Luke 10:27

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.”

### Catechism: Confession

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

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins,  
and second, that we receive absolution,  
that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself,  
not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven  
before God in heaven.

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### Daily Readings

Sun 51. If Your Brother Sins—Matthew 18:15-22  
Mon 52. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant—Matthew 18:21-35  
Tue 53. Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce—Matthew 19:1-12  
**Wed MIDWEEK SERVICE (7PM)**  
Thu 54. Jesus Blesses the Children—Matthew 19:13-15  
Fri 55. The Rich Young Ruler—Matthew 19:16-30  
Sat *Catch up on readings or look ahead to Sunday's readings*

**Hymn of the Week: LSB 696 O God, My Faithful God**

### 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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, 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 5

Hymns: 578, 688, 621 754, 885

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-21, 1Peter 3:8-15, Luke 5:1-11