

Peace at Prayer

Nov. 2nd – 8th, 2014

A Guide for Daily Reading, Prayer & Meditation

“A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out “salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *“shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *“serve him day and night in his temple”* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

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Pray and speak out loud as much as you can from the guide, and as you are able. Fathers and mothers should lead the children, trusting the power of God’s spoken Word to create & sustain faith and keep all evil at bay!

Invocation

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

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

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 55:22

Read Psalm 18 from your Bible

You may also review readings from Sunday:
Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Small Catechism

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I command myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Other Prayers . . . please remember those listed in the bulletin. An excellent guide for prayers for others and ourselves is found in the front of the hymnal, page 294.

Hymn

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains
bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood

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Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and
night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.

Preparing for Next Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Ephesians 6:10-17; John 4:46-54 ; LSB #607