

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of Septuagesima  
February 16 - 22, AD 2025

**H**ave you ever wondered why the very first thing we ask for in the Lord's Prayer isn't forgiveness? It's because in the first four things we ask the Lord for, we have fallen far short. We have not hallowed God's name as we ought. We haven't conducted our lives as those who have been graciously rescued from sin and death. We have resisted the Word and will of God quite often and sought to accomplish our own sinful will instead. And we haven't received our daily bread from God with thankful hearts. For all these things we need forgiveness. Though we deserve God's wrath and punishment for ignoring and despising all His goodness and tender mercies, still He takes great pleasure in forgiving our sins and rescuing us from sitting in the devil's prison house forever. We don't deserve this but He gives it nonetheless. And what heart, having come to know the rich forgiveness of God, can hold the sins of others against them? That would be utter madness! Let us then drink deeply of this forgiveness which Jesus has won for us on the cross and so share that forgiveness with all around us.

## ***The Catechism***

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. 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. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

## ***The Lord's Prayer – The Fifth Petition***

***And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

### INVOCATION

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

### APOSTLES' CREED

*Psalm 50:15* – “...and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

### *Psalm 107*

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

*“O God of God, O Light of Light” (LSB 810)*

<https://youtu.be/GVsJpnYKmUc?feature=shared>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTUAGESIMA

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 20:1-16	
② MONDAY	DANIEL 7:1-28	1 PETER 4:12-19
③ TUESDAY	DANIEL 9:1-6, 17-27	1 PETER 5:1-14
④ WEDNESDAY	DANIEL 10:1-11:4(12:1-13)	2 PETER 1:1-4
⑤ THURSDAY	2 CHRONICLES 36:22-23	2 PETER 1:5-15
⑥ FRIDAY	EZRA 1:1-11	2 PETER 1:16-21
⑦ SATURDAY	ISAIAH 55:10-13	2 CORINTHIANS 11:19-12:9

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

**SUNDAY:** *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

**MONDAY:** *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

**TUESDAY:** *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

**WEDNESDAY:** *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

**THURSDAY:** *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

**FRIDAY:** *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

**SATURDAY:** *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Kristin Hackbart (16), Dony Reaves (18).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Tori Thibodeaux (19).
- Jenny Long, who is recovering from cardiovascular surgery.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Devin Jackson, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Todd Hauth, Chris Purcell, JE Purcell.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **Sexagesima – February 23, 2025**

**Catechism:** The Lord's Prayer: The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions

**Hymns:** 577, 823, 625, 614, 810, 617, 658

**Readings:** Isaiah 55:10-13; Hebrews 4:9-13; Luke 8:4-15

