

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Third Sunday in Lent, Oculi
March 23 – 29, AD 2025

The Lord's Prayer is not a prayer for the faint of heart. It asks for the most important and necessary gifts which God can bestow. We hesitate to ask for a morsel of bread and God commands us to ask for faith and His kingdom and the accomplishing of His will! He tells us to ask for the full and free forgiveness of our trespasses and that we would be delivered from temptation and evil. Who is worthy to ask such things of God? No one. We deserve God's wrath and rejection and eternal judgment. Of our own merit we shouldn't ask God for a drop of cool water. But we don't ask on the basis of our own merit. We ask on the basis of God's own strong Word and the merit of Christ Jesus. For that reason alone we are to pray in the absolute certainty that all that we have asked for will most certainly be given. He said to ask and He promised that He would give. God grant that we know no doubt but instead pray with the deepest certainty that He will hear and grant all that He has promised.

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: Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

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

Isaiah 42:8 – I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Psalm 22

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” (LSB 718)

<https://youtu.be/aFkBcbwoh3I>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, OCULI

① SUNDAY	LUKE 11:14-28	
② MONDAY	JOHN 6:22-44	1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-22
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 1:26-38	HEBREWS 10:4-10
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 18:1-11	ACTS 3:14-19
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 6:(45-46)47-69	1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34
⑥ FRIDAY	JOHN 7:1-24	LEVITICUS 23:33-44
⑦ SATURDAY	EXODUS 16:2-21	GALATIANS 4:21-31

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Gil Daughtrey (28), Phyllis Martin (28), Mike Wright (29).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Norah Gefaller (26), Sandra Traugott (26), Chloe Hackbart (28).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Brad and Angela Perry (25), Stephen and Yadshiri Kieser (27).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Brianna Mallon, Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz 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, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, JE Purcell, Gwen Moore.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare) – March 30, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Seventh Petition

Hymns: 906, (945), 743, 642, 423, 718, 923, 919

Readings: Exodus 16:2-21, Galatians 4:21-31, John 6:1-15

