#### **Morning**

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 commend 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.

#### Evening

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend 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.

## **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit + be with us all.

Amen.

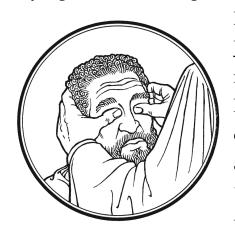
Genesis 3:1-21 Psalm 118 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Mathew 4:1-11
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# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

# **Faith Alone**

Isaiah 35:3–7; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 18:31–43

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight.



However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Samuel 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the

Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Corinthians 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Isaiah 35:3–7) to see Him, not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

# **INVOCATION** (make the sign of the holy cross and say)

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

# THE 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 is seated 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.

## **PSALMODY** (sing or read out loud each day)

Psalm 146

# LEARN BY HEART LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: The Creed

The First Article—Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

What does this mean? (part 1)

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

# **DAILY READINGS**

Sunday:	Psalm 78	Exodus 23:10-33	Nehemiah 4	Romans 14
Monday:	Psalm 79	Exodus 24	Nehemiah 5	Romans 15:1-13
Tuesday:	Psalm 80	Exodus 25	Nehemiah 6	Romans 15:14-33
Wednesday:	Psalm 81	Exodus 26	Nehemiah 7	Romans 16
Thursday:	Psalm 82	Exodus 27:1-19	Nehemiah 8	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Friday:	Psalm 83	Exodus 27:20-28:43	Nehemiah 9	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Saturday:	Psalm 84	Exodus 29	Nehemiah 10	1 Corinthians 2

# HYMN OF THE WEEK

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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## **PRAYERS**

The following suggestions are offered as an aid in developing the habit of praying for ourselves and others each week:

<u>Sunday</u>: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by Word and Sacrament.

<u>Monday</u>: For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

<u>Tuesday</u>: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

<u>Wednesday</u>: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to God's Word; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

<u>Thursday</u>: For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

<u>Friday</u>: For faithful preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

<u>Saturday</u>: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ's holy gifts.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and, having set us free from the bonds of our sins, deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: [insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.] Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but + deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.