ST. PAUL AT PRAYER

Prayer Guide for the week of November 29th - December 5th

Pray and confess out loud as much as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Here is a suggested order of daily prayer and Scripture.

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.

Learn by heart: *(see last page for these, then continue to Bible Reading)*

The Catechism, Scripture, and Hymn of the Month

Daily Bible Reading

29 Nov	**[ ] Is. 5:1-25; Amos 1:1-9:15**	**[ ] 1 Peter 2:1-12**
30 Nov	**[ ] Is. 6:1-7:9**	**[ ] 1 Peter 2:13-25**
01 Dec	**[ ] Is. 7:10-8:8**	**[ ] 1 Peter 3:1-22**
02 Dec	**[ ] Is. 8:9-9:7**	**[ ] 1 Peter 4:1-19**
03 Dec	**[ ] Is. 9:8-10:11**	**[ ] 1 Peter 5:1-14**
04 Dec	**[ ] Is. 10:12-27a. 33-24**	**[ ] 2 Peter1:1-21**
05 Dec	**[ ] Is. 11:1-12:6**	**[ ] 2 Peter 2:1-22**
06 Dec	**[ ] Is. 14:1-23**	**[ ] 2 Peter 3:1-18**

**Down the road, look for a "Jesus in the Center" Podcast on the psalms by Pastor Rako Zech & Pastor Michael Dobler*

Collect of the Week

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their need.

See below for daily petitions, adding any personal petitions that arise.

You may say, *"...Lord in your mercy,"* *"Hear our prayer."*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray, *"Our Father..."*

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

(Morning) We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. Amen.

(Evening) We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this day; and we pray that You would forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. Amen.

Benediction

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

+ Daily Petitions in addition to your own + *new this week

Sunday: *The people of St. Paul's*
For the joy of the resurrection among us
For the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments. St. Paul's pastors, leaders, and members. For our Confirmation students. Traveling mercies for church family.

Monday: *Holy living in vocation*
For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism, to hear and hold God's Word
For each one's calling and daily work.
For the unemployed and underemployed
For the joy of salvation and well-being of our neighbors. For schools, colleges, and seminaries.

Tuesday: *Deliverance from evil*
For deliverance against temptation and evil
For those with dementia and their caregivers especially Audrey, Ron, James, Mary and Betty. For the sick, the dying and those fighting cancer and their families especially Barb*, Jim*, Heather, Kim, David, Sara, Ed, Lisa, Leslie, Ron, Craig, Steven, Karen, Colleen, Kelly, Scott, John, Charlie, Tyler, Norma, Rich, Dawn, Karen, Gina, Alison, Andy, Allie, Cassandra, Jeannie, Jim, Bunny, Larry, Judy, Rob and Tom. For Strength, peace and healing for John, Ann, Rachel, Baby Madi (strength and grace for her parents and grandparents), Paul, Kason, Janessa, Renee, James, Bob, Erica, Luke, Lauren, Katie, Josh, Teri, Caden, Duane, Karl, Polly, Amanda, Harrison, Helen, Heidi, Matthew, Patti, John, Belinda, Dave, Vinnie, Michael, Rich, Laura, Grace, Ann, Jim, Rick, Kevin, Sophia, Toni, Brian, Tom, Ed, Vince, Haley, Stephen, Mike and Michelle. For all those who mourn especially the families of Al Leone, Audrey Cherry, Edna Mann, Drew Olds, David Wentland, Mike Muchow and Chuck Wickenhiser.

Wednesday: *Family & community*
Turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents. We pray that you would do this now in our day; restore fractured relationships, restore communication, forgiveness and unity among families. For our communities and neighborhoods
For marriages and families. Prayers for those trying to start a family, especially Jessica and Brittany. For healthy full-term pregnancies for all. Health for new moms and their babies. For the gift of faith, especially the Brown family, Leah, Frank, Savannah, Alaina, Erin, Aubrey, Jennifer, Victoria, Sam, Harrison, Noelle, Ellie, Steven, Don, Phil, David and Jim. For all sometimes homebound, especially Margie, Dave, Dan, Teri, Norma and Renee. For all in abusive relationships. For the Lord to end abortion. For the addicted and their caregivers, that the Lord would help them, especially Kim, Danial, Donnie, Noah, Sarah, Christina, Jeff, and Joe. Nathan, Joyce and Wally for comfort in Christ. For our children, youth and college students.

Thursday: *The Church catholic*
For the whole and for our outreach. For the persecuted & oppressed. For teachers & church workers. For the faithful preaching of Jesus Christ throughout the whole world, especially Lance in Mexico, Jasper in Kenya, Ben and Ella in Romania.
For the LCMS and its leaders: Matt Harrison *(Synod President)*, John Pingel *(District President)*, nearby churches & pastors, especially Pastor Alan Bauch and those seeking to call a pastor.

Friday: *Our nation & the world*
For good government and peace throughout the world. For the United States of America, its citizens, leaders, servants and CO's, especially Rich.

Saturday: *Enduring faith*
For faithfulness to the end. For receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day. For pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts. For fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

LEARN BY HEART THIS WEEK:

Small Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.

Scripture

Last week: Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

This week: **Jeremiah 23:5–6**

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch. … In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hymn of the Month

(331) The Advent of Our King

1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

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