

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
for the week of Septuagesima
February 5 to 11, 2012*

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.

Invocation

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

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Psalm 130:3-5

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait
for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 147

The Catechism: Confession & The Office of the Keys

<p><i>What is Confession?</i> Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.</p>	K+
<p><i>What sins should we confess?</i> Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.</p>	2nd +
<p><i>Which are these?</i> Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?</p>	3rd+

Daily Readings

5-Feb Job 2: 1-3: 10; John 1:19-34
6-Feb Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51
7-Feb Job 4:1-21; John 2:1-12
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Collect for Septuagesima

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. Amen. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

Sunday: God's gifts to us through Word and Sacrament
Monday: The promises of Holy Baptism; one's calling and daily work
Tuesday: Deliverance against temptation and evil; strength and courage to confess the faith
Wednesday: Homes, families, schools, country, and neighbor
Thursday: Faithful reception of the Lord's Supper; fellowship and family around the world
Friday: Faithful preaching of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Saturday: Preparation for the Day of the Lord; the sick and the dying

In Our Prayers at Grace — See Sunday Service Folder

Lord's Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: 607 "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (st. 1-3)

Looking forward to Sexagesima - February 12, 2012

Hymns: 401, 823, 820, 586, 834

Holy Scripture: Is 55:10-13; 2 Cor. 11:19 – 12:9; Luke 8:4-15

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