

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The First Sunday in Advent
December 1 – December 6, AD 2024

When we pray “forgive us our trespasses” we are making a confession. We are saying to our Heavenly Father that we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. It is a full confession that leaves nothing out. We are confessing the sins we are aware of and the ones we are not. It is certainly true that no one can know all his sins. But it is less troubling to not know all your sins than to hide under the delusion that you don’t know any of your sins. To either pretend that or to willingly not examine yourself is very dangerous. Doing so falsely quiets your conscience so that you begin to imagine that you really don’t need grace. But you are only whitewashing over your sin and denying yourself the rich forgiveness which Christ has purchased for you. Failing to examine your life in light of the Ten Commandments also allows the devil to continue to mislead you into all kinds of sin. The one who prays this petition truly is keenly aware of his own sin and so readily knows that his sins are far greater in both number and magnitude than he can even begin to imagine. It is that confession that is pleasing to God because it doesn’t try to hide or withhold anything but freely confesses everything it knows and doesn’t know. Such a prayer is driven by the magnitude of God’s mercy which He has shown to us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ who left no sin unpaid for by His Blood. God grant that we meditate daily on His commandments and so rightly rejoice in the magnitude of His mercy in Jesus.

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 51:17 – The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 25

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (LSB 334)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC4Ctxw_WKo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 21:1-9	
② MONDAY	LUKE 18:9-14	MARK 11:12-26
③ TUESDAY	MATTHEW 6:5-15	1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 1:1-25	DANIEL 9:20-27
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 17:1-26	HEBREWS 4:11-16
⑥ FRIDAY	MATTHEW 26:36-45	PHILIPPIANS 1;3-11
⑦ SATURDAY	MALACHI 4:1-6	ROMANS 15:4-13

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR 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.

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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Whitney Wueller (2)
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Kristen Horn (4)
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Cassanova, Brianna Mallon, Renae Womack for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Jill, Deanna, Dana Evans, Rush, Christina Null, Sharon, Gaye, Georgette, Tim Sheehan.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Second Sunday in Advent (Populus Zion) – December 8, 2024

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – The Fourth Petition

Hymns: 332, 336, 334, 639, 337, 655, 333

Readings: Malachi 4:1-6, Romans 15:4-13, Luke 21:25-36

