

# FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 5, AD 2025 – January 11, AD 2025

If it were possible for us to see and know all the evil that not only surrounds us but is actively seeking to lead us away from faith to unbelief, we would faint in fear. It's too much. We can't possibly protect ourselves or overcome evil by our own strength. And this is made so much worse when we realize and believe the Scriptures which tell us that every inclination of our own hearts is only evil continually. (Gen. 6:5) It is overwhelming to realize that we are part of the problem. That is why Christ commands us to pray the 7th Petition of the Lord's Prayer - "...but deliver us from evil." We need God to deliver us from the evil that both surrounds us and fills us. We need Him to fill us with His Holy Spirit so that we do not give ourselves over to temptation but instead, meditate on His Word and walk according to His commandments. We must also keep in mind, that sometimes our Father has to send us suffering in order to deliver us from evil. It is suffering when we must deny our flesh what it wants. It can bring suffering to tell our friends and coworkers that we shouldn't gossip about others. It can bring suffering when we speak the truth about Christ against someone who is saying untrue things about Christ and salvation. But you have this promise from God your Father, He will deliver you. He will keep you and protect you and provide for you and, at the last, He will bring all of His children safely to Himself in eternal life. So do not fear the evil that surrounds you or the evil that you feel within your own heart. Commend yourself to His gracious keeping, pray for His help, and fill your heart and your mind with His Word. He will deliver you.

## **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 Seventh Petition**

### ***But deliver us from evil.***

*What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.*

## 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

***Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.***

***Psalm 72***

### HYMN OF THE MONTH

***“The People That in Darkness Sat” (LSB 412)***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSLx0jKNxfM>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 2:1-12	
② MONDAY	LUKE 2:41-52	DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9
③ TUESDAY	2 KINGS 13:10-25	1 CORINTHIANS 14:20-40
④ WEDNESDAY	2 KINGS 17:5-41	1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-28
⑤ THURSDAY	2 CHRONICLES 26:1-5, 16-23	1 CORINTHIANS 15:28-58
⑥ FRIDAY	ISAIAH 6:1-13	1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-24
⑦ SATURDAY	1 KINGS 8:6-13	ROMANS 12:1-5

## PRAYERS

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- The members of Faith Wylie as we serve one another, that all may be done to the glory of God.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Brianna Mallon (5), Elaine Graff (9).
- Baptismal Birthdays celebrated this week: Whitney Wueller (10)
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Donovan and Nancy Cawood (11).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Chris Purcell, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Devin Jackson, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Rush, Christina Null, Sharon, Gaye, Georgette, Tim Sheehan, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Sherry.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

### **The Baptism of our Lord – January 12, 2025**

**Catechism:** The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Part 1

**Hymns:** 402, 406, 602, 405, 525, 601, 412

**Readings:** Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17; 1 Corinthians 1:27-31; Matthew 3:13-17

