The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The week of the Third Last Sunday of Pentecost
November 8-14, 2026

Catechetical Notes for the week: *The conclusion teaches us that God is serious about His commandments. Following the commandments brings glory to Him. Disobeying them robs Him of His glory. He is jealous for His name, meaning, He will not give His glory to another, His praise to idols, or tolerate those who place their wants above His. There are no second chances. He demands that we are perfect as He is perfect. Those who break even one of His commandments at some point in life suffer His wrath and punishment eternally. Yet for those who keep His commandments, God promises grace and every blessing. Those who have lived perfectly in thought, word, and action, He welcomes into heaven. He is their God and they are His people. His love extends even to their children, for a loving father teaches the ways of God to his children. The conclusion shows us that we deserve God's wrath and punishment. We have not been perfect, but have disobeyed God's commandments. We have not loved His commands, but have viewed them as restrictive and burdensome. We have not trusted in Him, but have trusted in our own intuition and abilities. Thus, we have robed God of His glory and stirred up His anger. It calls us to repentance and faith in Christ, who kept all God's commands perfectly, took our place to suffer God's wrath so we might go free, and then clothed us in His perfect life in Holy Baptism. In Christ we are perfect in every way. In Christ we do love God's commands and seek to order our life by them. In Christ we have only a loving and gracious God.*

Theme: The Urgency and Suddenness of Christ's Return.

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

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning

Bible Verse: James 2:10
Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

What does God say about all these commandments? He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."	1st Grade+
What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep those commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.	2nd Grade+

Daily Reading		*The Story Bible* page
Monday	Ex 20:1-6, 18-21; 31:18	117

Tuesday	Ex 32:1-14	(2 Kg 17) 203
Wednesday	Ex 32:15-35	(Ex 33-34, 40) 121
Thursday	Lk 23:13-25	398
Friday	Acts 12:1-11	440
Saturday	Daniel 7:9-14; 2 Peter 3:3-14; Matthew 25:31-46	(Gen 15; 17) 51

PRAYER

Pray the Catechism: *(The catechetical notes are meant to assist you in this.)*

Example:

Repeat Conclusion

A teaching: *Dear Father, in the conclusion You teach me that I am to love Your commands and perfectly follow them. All this brings glory and honor to You. Those who are perfect You will welcome into heaven, while those who sin will suffer Your wrath in hell.*

A thanksgiving: *I thank You for guiding my life by Your commands, directing me away from evil and toward what pleases You, and for clothing me with the perfect life of Your Son, my Savior Jesus.*

A confession: *I confess and ask for grace that I have failed to follow these commands. It is my fault alone that I have sinned. I have kindled Your wrath and deserve to be cast from You forever. Forgive me, O Lord.*

A prayer: *I ask You for help in keepings these commandments all my days, that the life of Christ may flow more and more in my life by Your grace alone. Amen.*

Personal prayers: *(suggestions listed below)*

Sunday: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.*

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

Thursday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.*

Friday: *Pray 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: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

Prayer for the Third Last Sunday of the Church Year

Almighty God, we beseech You: show Your mercy to Your humble servants; that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment, but according to Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Luther's Morning/Evening Prayer

Morning: I thank You, my heavenly Father, though 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. Amen.

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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

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