

HOME DEVOTIONS
St. John's Lutheran Church – Topeka, Kansas
March 2010

L: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BRIEF ORDER

Psalm of the Week
 Bible Verse of the Week
 Personal Prayer *
 Lord's Prayer

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EXTENDED ORDER

Psalm of the Week
 Bible Verse of the Week
 One of Sunday's Readings
 Apostles' Creed
 Hymn of the Week (spoken or sung)
 Devotional Reading
 Personal Prayers **
 Lord's Prayer

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

* You might use Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer found on page 327 in *Lutheran Service Book*.

** You might use prayers for home and family found on page 315 and following in *Lutheran Service Book*.

February 28 – March 6: Second Sunday in Lent - Reminiscere

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 (ESV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Introduction

Hymn of the week: LSB 779 *Come, My Soul, with Every Care*

◆ Genesis 32:22-32 ◆ 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 or Romans 5:1-5 ◆ Matthew 15:21-28 ◆ Psalm 121

March 7 – March 13: Third Sunday in Lent - Oculi

The eyes of all look to You [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Psalm 145:15-16 (ESV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER; Introduction – Second Petition [with meanings]

Hymn of the week: LSB 420 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

◆ Exodus 8:16-21 or Jeremiah 26:1-15 ◆ Ephesians 5:1-9 ◆ Luke 11:14-28 ◆ Psalm 136:1-16

March 14 – March 20: Fourth Sunday in Lent - Laetare

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER; Third Petition – Fifth Petition [with meanings]

Hymn of the week: LSB 743 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

◆ Exodus 16:2-21 or Isaiah 49:8-13 ◆ Galatians 4:21-31 or Acts 2:41-47 ◆ John 6:1-15 ◆ Psalm 132:8-18

March 21 – March 27: Fifth Sunday in Lent - Judica

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER; Sixth Petition – The Conclusion [with meanings]

Hymn of the week: LSB 430 *My Song Is Love Unknown*

◆ Genesis 22:1-14 ◆ Hebrews 9:11-15 ◆ John 8:(42-45) 46-59 ◆ Psalm 43

March 28 – April 3: Palm Sunday - Palmarum

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6 (ESV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER; The Introduction – Conclusion [with meanings]

Hymn of the week: LSB 441 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

◆ Zechariah 9:9-12 ◆ Philippians 2:5-11 ◆ Matthew 21:1-9 or John 12:12-19 ◆ Psalm 118:19-29
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~The Lord's Prayer~

The Introduction *Our Father, who art in heaven.*

What does this mean? *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father.*

The First Petition *Hallowed be Thy name.*

What does this mean? *God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.*

How is God's name kept holy? *God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!*

The Second Petition *Thy kingdom come.*

What does this mean? *The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.*

How does God's kingdom come? *God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.*

The Third Petition *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

What does this mean? *The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.*

How is God's will done? *God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.*

The Fourth Petition *Give us this day our daily bread.*

What does this mean? *God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*

What is meant by daily bread? *Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.*

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 Sixth Petition *And lead us not into temptation.*

What does this mean? *God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.*

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 Conclusion *For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

What does this mean? *This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."*