

## 11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

### The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

### What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer that our Father in heaven would not hold our sins against us and because of them refuse to hear our prayer. And we pray that he would give us everything by grace, for we sin every day and deserve nothing but punishment. So we on our part will heartily forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## 12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

**Prayer based on The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer** Most merciful Father, our sins make us unworthy to ask anything of You. For the sake of Your dear Son, do not condemn us for our sins, but hear our cries for mercy and forgive us our trespasses. Enlivened by Your forgiveness, we, too, pledge to sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 268]

## 13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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| ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia                     | dementia  |
| ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for                              | ⇒ For Cynthia Granger, Naomi Rislow's sister battling cancer. |
| ⇒ For Karri Bjornstad's father, Birger Eklov, battling cancer. | ⇒ For Phil & Pat Webber, Mary Bartos' parents                 |
| ⇒ For Pastor Dave Steffenson battling cancer                   |   |
| ⇒ For Sue Reget who suffered a brain aneurism                  |   |
| ⇒ For Doris Stanke, Anne Warner's mother, with                 |   |

## 14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

**Abide With Me** LBW 272: *stnz 1* I Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me. *stnz. 2* I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me. *stnz 3* Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me. *stnz 4* I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me! *stnz 5* Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**For May 9**, Sixth Sunday of Easter: **Acts 10:34-48** "God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation."; **Psalms 98** "The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness."; **1 John 5:1-8** "This is the victory that has overcome the world."; **John 15:9-17** "If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love."



## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2 through May 8

**1 INVOCATION - MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND SAY:**  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**2 CONFESS THE APOSTLES' CREED**  
I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**3 PRAY 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.

**4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER**

*Morning.* We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

*Evening.* We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**5 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN THANKS**

*Blessing before meal*

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.” [Ps. 145:15-16]

Lord, God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Returning Thanks after meal*

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. He gives food to all creatures. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.” [Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9-11]

We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

**6 PRAY THE PSALMS**

Easter	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93, 150	97, 145	98, 146	99, 147:1-12	47, 147:13-21	96, 148	92, 149
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	9, 118	68, 113	49, 138	23, 114

**7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: John 15:5**

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

**Theme of the Week: Abiding In Jesus**

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

Isaiah 32:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; Matthew 7:7-14

**MON**

Jeremiah 32:1-15; Colossians 3:18-4:18; Luke 7:36-50

**TUE**

Jeremiah 32:16-25; Romans 12:1-21; Luke 8:1-15

**WED**

Jeremiah 32:36-44; Romans 13:1-14; Luke 8:16-25

**THU**

Jeremiah 33:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Luke 8:26-39

**FRI**

Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14; Romans 14:13-23; Luke 8:40-56

**SAT**

Deuteronomy 32:34-43; Romans 15:1-13; Luke 9:1-17

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK**

**The Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer: “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”** – In Matthew 18:21-35 we encounter the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. You may recall that it involves a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. One servant in particular owed a sum way beyond his ability to repay, and so he begged and implored the king to show mercy to him. This king was ready to cancel the debt until he heard of how the servant had failed to show any mercy whatsoever on a fellow servant, and this over a much smaller debt! When we exchange “the peace” each Sunday in our congregation we are highlighting the fact that people cannot live in peace with one another for long unless they forgive one another. As Christians, we pray that for Christ’s sake we may know the joy and peace of being forgiven and of forgiving others.