

11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

The First Petition

Hallowed be thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name certainly is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that we may keep it holy.

When does this happen?

God's name is hallowed whenever his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God live in harmony with it. Help us to do this heavenly Father! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to the Word of God dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, heavenly Father!

12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

Prayer based on The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Holy Father, your name is holy in itself. We pray that through the words we speak about you and through the lives we live as those marked by your sacred name in Baptism, we may never profane your name but honor it in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
[from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 245]

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 Carol Peterson and family mourning the death of Buff |
| ⇒ 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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today LBW 151: *stnz 1* Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! *Stnz 3* But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! *Stnz 4* Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

For April 11, Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:32-35 The believers share their possessions...; **Psalm 148** "His majesty is above earth and heaven."; **1 John 1:1-2:2** "We walk in the light."; **John 20:19-31** Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas



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A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of Easter Sunday
April 4 through April 10

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: Mark 16:6-7

And [the angel] said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him as he told you.”

Theme of the Week: Jesus Christ Is Risen

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

Exodus 12:1-14; Isaiah 51:9-11; Luke 24:13-35

MON

Jonah 2:1-10; Acts 2:14, 22-32; John 14:1-14

TUE

Isaiah 30:18-26; Acts 2:36-47; John 14:15-31

WED

Micah 7:7-15; Acts 3:1-10; John 15:1-11

THU

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 3:11-26; John 15:12-27

FRI

Daniel 12:1-4, 13; Acts 4:1-12; John 16:1-15

SAT

Isaiah 25:1-9; Acts 4:13-31; John 16:16-33

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, 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 First Petition of the Lord’s Prayer: “Hallowed be thy name” – Names are important. We introduce ourselves by name so that others will get to know us and relate to us. A good name, that is, a good reputation, is important if we are going to have friends, get along with our neighbors, and find gainful employment. God’s good name is very important. Of course his reputation in itself is impeccable! But for those who don’t know him it is important for those of us who do know him to represent his good reputation, or name, to others. In Luke 11:9-13 Jesus teaches us to honor his Father’s name by turning to him as the source of life and every good gift. And we are told that our heavenly Father wants to give us the Holy Spirit who will help us to honor his Word and to live godly lives. As Christians, we honor (hallow) God’s name as Father when we call on him in faith, proclaim his love for us, and live according to his Word.