

The Priesthood Prays

But you are a chosen generation, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9 NKJV) In Holy Baptism God has made you a member of His royal priesthood. He made you holy through the forgiveness of your sins. As priests, you are to speak to people for God (witness, proclaim) and speak to God for people (pray). If priests are to speak, they must first listen to the Lord who speaks His Word. Therefore priests are to read, study, mark, and inwardly digest the Sacred Scriptures so that they will have something to say to the neighbor and to God. The following order is a guide for daily meditation and prayer.

For the week of The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 25, 2010

Catechesis Notes

Pray and confess as much from this order for prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.

Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation - In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed - Confess the Creed as your statement of faith and praise to God for His goodness and love.

Verse: Pray then like this, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." Matthew 6:9

Psalmody: Psalm 138

Daily Prayers – How the head of the family should teach his household to pray morning and evening.

Asking a Blessing – The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say: 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. [Ps. 145:15-16]

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following: Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Sunday – 1 Samuel 9:1-27, Acts 21:37, 22:16

Monday – 1 Sam. 10:1-27, Acts 22:17-29

Tuesday – 1 Sam. 12:1-25, Acts 22:30, 23:11

Wednesday – 1 Sam. 13:1-18, Acts 23:12-35

Thursday – 1 Sam. 14:47, 5:9, Acts 24:1-23

Friday – 1 Sam. 15:10-35, Acts 24:24, 25:12

Saturday – 1 Sam. 16:1-23, Acts 25:13-27

Collect for the Week: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Daily Themes for Prayer

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

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

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

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family; living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear children alone; and godly schools, especially St. John Lutheran School, our church schools, and seminaries.*

Thursday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; 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; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.*

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

In Our Prayers This Week

Eunice Foote (mother of Henry Foote) - Heathwood Rehab

Mary Ann Barnett - Mount St. Mary's Hospital

Katie Stange – daughter of Kathy Stange who was in an accident

Beatrice Marten – Tonawanda Manor, 111 Ensminger Rd., Tonawanda

Rachel Licht - Northgate Manor

Audrey Owen (mother of Dawn Bartlett)

James Bartlett, Len Chef, Gary Lamson, and Rick Skorik with the U. S. Military

Erna Stenzel - Crestwood

Leona Doebler - DeGraff Skilled Nursing Facility

Donna Behrns - Wedgewood Campus, Amherst, NY

Mike Solomon - Five Points Correctional Facility, Romulus, NY

At Home - Pastor Ron Oravec, Dave Tripiciano, Mary Shaffer, Nathan Ferchen, Darlene Hathaway, Edna Proefrock, Coleen Syruws, Joe D'Angelis, Jennis Pankow, Ardis DuBois, Natalie Krull, Rosie Siegmann, Douglas Willison, Greg Scere, Loretta Siegman, Dennis Hurley, Chaise Haring(Crohn's disease), Lowell and Vilma Green, Amy Ertel, Grace Pankow, Sue Mioducki, Debra Stenzel, Bill Nelson, Betty Skryzpek, Wally Lemke, Ron Kroening, Gerald Haseley, Margaret Vorpahl, Patricia Barber, Don Licht, LeRoy Stenzel, Carol Vosburgh, Michelle Kasprzyk and son.

The Lord's Prayer, and Morning or Evening Prayer from The Small Catechism

The Hymn of the Week -LSB: 793

Close: To Him who has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds + in His peace. Amen.

(If you want your name removed from the prayer list, please call the church office at 693-9677.)