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God's People at Prayer

for Individual and Family Prayer

Please take this home and use it during the coming week!

The Third Sunday in Lent

Readings from Holy Scripture

The following can be read in the morning and evening, as suggested here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday	Gen. 41:28–57	Mark 11:20–33
Monday	Gen. 42:1–34, 38	Mark 12:1–12
Tuesday	Gen. 43:1–28	Mark 12:13–27
Wednesday	Gen. 44:1–18, 32–34	Mark 12:28–44
Thursday	Gen. 45:1–20, 24–28	Mark 13:1–23
Friday	Gen. 47:1–31	Mark 13:24–37
Saturday	Gen. 49:29–50:7, 14–26	Mark 14:1–11

Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer: 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 by grace, for we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Large Catechism

There is here a great need for us to call upon God and pray, "Dear Father, forgive us our trespasses." It is not as though He did not forgive sin without and even before our prayer. (He has given us the Gospel, in which is pure forgiveness before we prayed or even thought of it [Rom. 5:8].) But the purpose of this prayer is that we may recognize and receive such forgiveness. The flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature that it neither trusts nor believes God [Rom. 7:14-18]. It is ever active in evil lusts and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed, by what we do and fail to do [James 2:15-16]... Therefore it is always necessary that we run here and receive consolation to comfort the conscience again.

Hymn

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good. (*LSB* 571:4)

Daily Prayer

Prayer for Others and Ourselves

For each day of the week, let the following topics guide your prayer. Also include members from the congregation.

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone.

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, and all church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day.

Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Final Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For Next Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Romans 8:1–11; John 11:1–45 (46–53)