

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Rogate* (Easter 6)

Sunday, May 26, 2019 through Saturday, June 1, 2019

“The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus”

Numbers 21:4-9; James 1:22-27; John 16:23-33

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ Name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His Name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ Name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a Ransom for all (1 Timothy 2:1–6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our Mediator and Intercessor before the throne of Heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Numbers 21:4–9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22–27), we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 107

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XX: Good Works*

See *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, pp. 41-44, 199-201

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 26: Numbers 3:1-8:4
Luke 14:25-15:10

Monday, May 27: Numbers 8:5-26
Luke 15:11-32

Tuesday, May 28: Numbers 9:1-23
Luke 16:1-18

Wednesday, May 29: Numbers 10:1-36
Luke 16:19-31

Ascension, May 30: Numbers 11:1-35
Luke 17:1-19

Friday, May 31: Numbers 12:1-16
Luke 17:20-37

Saturday, June 1: Numbers 13:1-33
Luke 18:1-17

HYMN

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663:1, 5

Rise, my soul, to watch and play;

But while watching, also pray

From your sleep awaken!

To the Lord unceasing.

Be not by the evil day

God protects you day by day,

Unawares o'ertaken;

Strength and faith increasing,

For the foe, Well we know,

So that still, Mind and will,

Is a harvest reaping

Shall unite to serve Him

While the saints are sleeping.

And forever love Him.

PRAYERS

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: Exaudi (Easter 7)

Ezekiel 36:22-28	Psalm 51	1 Peter 4:7-14	John 15:26-16:4
Hymn of the Day	<i>Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won</i>		LSB 490