

Grace at Prayer for Advent 1

Invocation

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Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

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5 Dec	Psalm 49	Isaiah 11:1—12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22
6 Dec	Psalm 56	Isaiah 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18
7 Dec	Psalm 25	Isaiah 24:1-13	1 John 1:1—2:14
8 Dec	Psalm 11	Isaiah 24:14—25:12	1 John 2:15-29
9 Dec	Psalm 17	Isaiah 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24

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Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

For the law indeed says that it is God's will and command that we walk in new life. However, it does not give the power and ability to begin or to carry out this command. Instead, the Holy Spirit, who is given and received not through the law but through the proclamation of the gospel (Galatians 3[:2, 14]), renews the heart. Thereafter, the Holy Spirit uses the law to instruct the reborn and to show and demonstrate to them in the Ten Commandments what is the “acceptable will of God” (Romans 12[:2]) and in which good works, “which God prepared beforehand,” they are “supposed to walk” (Ephesians 2[:10]). The Holy Spirit admonishes them to do these works, and where because of the flesh they are lazy, indolent, and recalcitrant, he reproves them through the law. Thus, he combines both functions: he “kills and makes alive, he brings down to hell and raises up” [1 Samuel 2:6]. [Solid Declaration VI:11-12]

The Lord's Prayer

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Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Monday: *Pray 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 Lutheran schools [especially Zion Beaver and Trinity Monitor] and their teachers; for good government and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors, musicians, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries [especially Neuendorfs, Erbers, Milans, Roberts, and Jamielynn], and for all who serve.*

Wednesday: *Pray 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; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

Thursday: *Pray for repentant hearts, that all would confess their sinfulness along with the sins they committed, and the sins committed against them and seek our Lord and His forgiveness in the Word and Sacraments.*

Friday: *Pray 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: *Pray 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; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

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Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Benedicamus

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