## **Grace at Prayer for Epiphany 3**

#### **Invocation**

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

### The Apostles' Creed

#### Verse of the Week: Psalm 139:1-2

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar."

Epiphany 3	Psalm 20	Joel 1:1-20	Romans 10:1-21
22 Jan	Psalm 69	Joel 2:1-17	Romans 11:1-24
23 Jan	Psalm 139	Joel 2:18-32	Romans 11:25—12:13
24 Jan	Psalm 131	Joel 3:1-21	Romans 12:14—13:14
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# The Lord's Prayer

# **Collect for Epiphany 3**

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 wellbeing 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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#### **Benedicamus**

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