The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*

*October 20, 2024*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Verse:** Romans 10:17 – So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 8**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| **Day** | **New Testament Reading** | **Old Testament Reading** |
| Monday | James 3:1-18 | Ezra 4:1-24 |
| Tuesday | James 4:1 – 5:6 | Haggai 1:1-15 |
| Wednesday or **St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr** | James 5:12-20 or  **Matthew 13:54-58** | Ezra 5:1-17 or  **Acts 15:12-22** |
| Thursday | 1 Peter 3:1-7 | Ezra 6:1-22 |
| Friday | 1 Peter 5:15-22 | Ezra 7:1-28 |
| Saturday | 1 Peter 5:1-5 | Ezra 8:31 – 9:15 |

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| **Catechism: Third Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| 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 | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. | 1st+ |
| In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. | 2nd+ |