The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Advent 1*

*December 1, 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 7:18 – For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 85**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| **Day** | **New Testament Reading** | **Old Testament Reading** |
| Monday | Matthew 11:25-30 | Genesis 3:1-24 |
| Tuesday | Acts 3:22-26 | Genesis 9:1-19 |
| Wednesday | Colossians 1:15-29 | Genesis 22:1-19 |
| Thursday | Hebrews 1:1-4 | Genesis 49:1-28 |
| Friday | Hebrews 2:1-4 | Numbers 24:14-25 |
| Saturday | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Deuteronomy 18:15-19 |

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| **Catechism: Lord’s Prayer Fifth and Sixth Petitions** | **Grades** |
| Fifth Petition: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. | K+ |
| *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 to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us. | 2nd+ |
| Sixth Petition: And lead us not into temptation. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory. | 3rd+ |