

# THE PRIESTHOOD AT PRAYER

## The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



*“The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward him and find him.” But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man.” Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” Because He lives, we also live in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments. While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans,” but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection.” Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,” we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope. Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”*



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## **INVOCATION**

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

## **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 sits 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.

## **PSALMODY** (*sing or read out loud each day*)

Psalm 66

## **LEARN BY HEART LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM:** Lord's Prayer: The Seventh Petition

*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.*

### ***The Sixth Petition***

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### ***What does this mean?***

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

## **DAILY READINGS**

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| Sunday:    | Psalm<br>104 | Deuteronomy<br>8  | Isaiah<br>61    | Philemon<br>1-3      |
| Monday:    | Psalm<br>105 | Deuteronomy<br>9  | Isaiah<br>62    | Philemon<br>4-7      |
| Tuesday:   | Psalm<br>106 | Deuteronomy<br>10 | Isaiah<br>63    | Philemon<br>8-22     |
| Wednesday: | Psalm<br>107 | Deuteronomy<br>11 | Isaiah<br>64    | Philemon<br>23-25    |
| Thursday:  | Psalm<br>108 | Deuteronomy<br>12 | Isaiah<br>65    | Matthew<br>1:1-17    |
| Friday:    | Psalm<br>109 | Deuteronomy<br>13 | Isaiah<br>66    | Matthew<br>1:18-2:12 |
| Saturday:  | Psalm<br>110 | Deuteronomy<br>14 | Obadiah<br>1-14 | Matthew<br>2:13-23   |

**HYMN OF THE WEEK** *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

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### **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.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert 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.

*The following are offered to aid in developing a habit of prayer for ourselves and others each week:*

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

**Monday**: For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday**: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

**Wednesday**: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to God's Word; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday**: For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

**Friday**: For faithful preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

**Saturday**: 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 as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ's holy gifts.

### Morning

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.

### Evening

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.

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.

### **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:** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Hymn of the Day

*Christ is the World's Redeemer*

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**PRAY FOR** Rachel Krause  
Refugee Outreach Missionary  
*Serving the Lord in Germany*



Rachel Krause serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Germany. In this role, she assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz in bringing the Gospel of Jesus to refugees and immigrants, who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. This ministry includes outreach activities that help build relationships with the

refugees, including through Sunday school during the Farsi worship service and by offering activities for neighborhood children at the outreach center.

Rachel's hometown is Rockford, Ill., where her home congregation, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, is located. She earned a bachelor's degree in history and theology from Concordia University, Nebraska. Prior to serving in Germany, Rachel worked in several Lutheran schools in Northern Illinois and as an au pair in Germany. In her free time, Rachel enjoys reading, cooking, playing the piano and hiking.

Pray for Rachel as she serves in Germany. Ask God to be with her as she enhances her German fluency and learns Farsi. Pray that God would open the hearts of the people with whom Rachel works and lives. Pray for peace from the wars and strife the refugees have witnessed, and pray that they will find true peace in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Ask God to use Rachel as He has planned, that her words and actions would bring Him honor and glory. Let us give thanks that God sends missionaries to serve His children in this part of the world.

**BIRTHDAY:** Nov. 29

**HOME DISTRICT:** Northern Illinois



**Pray daily for Rachel** – and how you can support and tell others about her ministry. Visit [lcms.org/krause](https://lcms.org/krause)

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