



Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the versicles and responses may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Opening Psalm *Psalm 119:57-64*

The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

⁵⁸ **I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

⁵⁹ When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰ **I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

⁶² **At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.**

⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

⁶⁴ **The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!**

For those with access to the internet, you may now play today's worship video, located on Bethany's website (www.bethanycr.org) under the Worship Resources tab and then continue with the Nicene Creed. Everyone else may continue the service as printed....

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *Pastor Erickson is on vacation this Sunday, so there is no printed sermon.*

The Nicene' Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**



whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Bethany's Prayer List

Those suffering during the pandemic; the homeless; the unemployed; our medical professionals and first responders; workers in the Church, here and throughout the world;

Thanksgiving:

Richard Pfeil - *recovered after hospitalization*

Debbie (niece of Carol Grimminger)- *recovered after COVID-19*

Prayers for healing/comfort:

Rick Foreman - *recovering after surgery*

Gordon Doehrmann - *recovering after medical procedure*

Mary Jane (mother of Phil Hedtke)- *recovering after surgery*

Joe (relative of Bonnie Bubke)- *medical issues*

LoAnn (relative of Bonnie Bubke)- *ill with COVID-19*

Agnes & Shel (friends of the Siebenmanns)- *serious medical issues*

Jane (daughter of Bonnie Bubke) - *recovering after medical procedure*

Dave Christian - *recovering after surgery*

Ella Smith - *recovering after broken arm*

Ron Prescott - *recovering after eye surgery*

Dee Rose - *recovering after hospitalization*

John Hamm - *recovering after surgery*

Kris Dunn - *health issues*

Betty Hein - *recovering at home*
Stephanie Macke - *recovering after radiation treatments*
Nadine Wax - *recovering at home*

Mourning:

Sheryl Knutson mourning the death of her cousin, Jim
Bonnie Bubke mourning the death of her relative, Ray
Shirley Deetz (wife of Rollis, mother of Barb, Scott, and Kim) – died 7/1
Doris Baker mourning the death of her mother-in-law, Yonne
Ken Cook mourning the death of his mother, Eleanor
Taylor & Charlie (grandsons of Kim Neuhaus) – serving in the U.S. Armed Forces

Collect of the Day

Let us pray... O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Together we pray... **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. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Bethany Members and Friends,

I pray that these words find all of you safe and healthy as our area and nation see an increase in the number of COVID-19 infections yet again. As this happens, I would encourage all of you to remain diligent in maintaining the best practices to stop the spread of this disease. Unfortunately, we live in a time when there is a general mistrust of institutions and authority, which makes it difficult to discern fact from fiction and what is helpful from what is needless over-reaction. What is perfectly clear however, is Christ's mandate to love our neighbors. Therefore, while the effectiveness of certain practices may be debated, I would hope that all Christians would choose to err on the side of caution and love for their neighbor.

Also, as some of you may know by now, Jessica Dvorak has returned the call to serve as Bethany's Director of Christian Education. This is, simply, disappointing. However, it is in times like these where we must trust in the Holy Spirit and our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church and continues to rule from the right hand of God, the Father, especially on behalf of the Church. Therefore, the leadership of the congregation and I will soon be meeting to discuss the future DCE role at Bethany and how we will carry on the ministries of the congregation in the areas that have been traditionally served by a DCE. In the meantime, I hope that all of you will join with me in prayer to not only ask God for His guidance, but also to give Him thanks for the many men and women of Bethany who have served on the Call Committee, the Board of Education, on our Sunday School Staff, with our Children and Youth, and in other leadership positions during the DCE vacancy. While there have been many ups and downs on this road, we have been truly blessed by these servants of Christ who have faithfully been *Living and Sharing God's Love* with so many!

God bless you all and stay safe!

In Christ's Service,
✠ Pastor Erickson