



## Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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**The 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2020 A.D. – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the psalm 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**    *From Psalms 2 and 115*

But we will bless the LORD  
**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**  
As for me, I have set my King  
**on Zion, my holy hill.**  
I will tell of the decree:  
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”**  
Praise the LORD, all nations!  
**Extol him, all peoples!**  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

*Due to the recent storm, Bethany is still lacking internet access, therefore there is no worship video this week.*

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**Scripture Lesson** – Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

## 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. 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.**

### **Bethany's Prayer List**

Those suffering from the recent storm

Those suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic

### **Thanksgiving**

Bethany's volunteers in storm recovery efforts

### **Prayers for healing/comfort**

Candi Engel- *recovering at Westridge Care Center after hospitalization*

Darlene Eckert- *recovering after broken leg*

Lee (husband of Brenda Heims)- *recovering after surgery*

Aaron Moffett- *recovering after eye surgery*

Dee Rose- *hospice care at home*

Jeff, Angela & Wes Keslar- *ill with COVID-19*

Kent Zenor- *recovering after eye surgery*

Dave Christian - *recovering after surgery*

Ron Prescott - *recovering after eye surgery*

Kris Dunn - *health issues*

Stephanie Macke - *recovering after radiation treatments*

Nadine Wax - *recovering at home*

### **Mourning**

Larsons- *mourning the death of a friend, LeAnn*  
Siebenmanns- *mourning the death of a friend, Shel*

### **Serving Our Country**

Our government officials  
Tailor & Charlie (*grandsons of Kim Neuhaus*) – *serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.... Kind and loving Father, Rock of Refuge in every need, remember in mercy all those who have suffered loss through the recent storms. Grant healing to the injured, provide for the needs of all whose property has been damaged, and comfort those who mourn their dead. Use Your people as instruments of Your care in this time and above all, amid the trouble of these days, help us to trust in Your unfailing love, through Him whose triumphed over all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Amen.**

### **Concluding Prayers**

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that all our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.**



Members and Friends of Bethany,

I pray that all of you will forgive me for not having a sermon ready at the time of this worship resource's publication. The time that I would have normally spent studying and writing earlier in the week has been spent visiting members after the recent storm. I feel that this does not lessen the importance of God's Word (please don't call me Martha!) or break the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment, but rather reflects an effort to help follow the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Regardless, there will be a sermon at our Sunday Worship services, which some of you may enjoy at that time. In the meantime, I would encourage all of you to spend the time you would have normally spent reading the sermon to check in on a neighbor or friend to see if they need help, and/or spend some extra time in prayer for all those affected by the recent storm.

Speaking of being affected by the storm, I'm thankful to say that in the midst of so much damage and carnage in our area and in many of our members' lives, that the church building has suffered relatively little damage. Unfortunately, some of our ministries have had to pause or reset because of the storm. So, there will be no Bible Study this coming Sunday (August 23<sup>rd</sup>) and Adult VBS has been cancelled for the year. However, there are still many things that God is doing in and through our congregation.

Worship services will resume at our normal times this Sunday. While we will still be observing all of our COVID-19 safety precautions (masks, social distancing, etc...) signing up before hand will no longer be required (the church doesn't have internet). Also, we plan on resuming Bible Study on August 30 with our new study on Racism. Before that, the congregation will also be reading and studying the book, *God and the Pandemic*, on Thursday evenings via Zoom beginning August 27.

For those who have been asking about helping out with relief efforts by donating items, I'm happy to announce that Washington High School will be hosting their Warrior Emergency Supply Assistance in Bethany's parking lot on August 25. They are looking for volunteers to help in the morning and for donations of: chicken helper, peanut butter, jelly, and baby wipes. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday or dropped off at the office anytime on Monday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that Bethany is continuing to help our members, friends, and community by assisting in the storm recovery process. We're doing this because our Lord tells us to, but especially because we know what He has done for us. So please prayerfully consider how you might be able to *live and share God's love* during this difficult time for so many and let the church office know if you or someone you know needs help or assistance.

To say that these last six months have been difficult is an understatement for so many people in our area. But our Gospel lesson this week reminds us of two things: God's assembly of His people that is built upon the confession that Jesus is the Christ will face trouble from Satan and hell; but also that the forces of evil will not win the battle. In fact, Christ has already won the day! So, let us mourn with those who are suffering. And let us help those who are in need. But most of all, lift up your heads and give thanks the victory over all our enemies through our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen!

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