Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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September 6th, 2026 A.D. – 15th 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.

Introit *(He enters into)* *From Psalm 92*

How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Scripture Lesson (*Matthew 18:1-20*)

[1]At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" [2]And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them [3]and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4]Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

[5]"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, [6]but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

[7]"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! [8]And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. [9]And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

[10]"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. [11]For the Son of Man came to save the lost. [12]What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? [13]And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. [14]So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

[15]"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. [16]But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17]If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18]Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. [19]Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. [20]For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Nicene Creed

C 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.**

Bethany's Prayer List

Thanksgiving

-Marriage of Kierra Penney & Gabe Hanson on 9/5
- Labor Day Holiday

Entrusting into God's Care

- Orphan Grain Train

Healing

- Dave Johnson– health issues
- Ben Mims– recovering after surgery
- Earlene Francik– health issues
- Taylor (relative of Dawn Thomas)- pregnancy complications
- Jerry (father of Jolene Trent)- hospitalization
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jennine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Brandon (son of Nick and Joleen Trent) -health issues
- Ron Prescott– recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - health issues
- Carolyn Johnson– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues
- Tom Larson - health issues

Homebound

- Marge Grovert– Ridgeview Assisted Living

Grief (family and friends of)

- Ray Hopkins (former members)– died 8/28
- Carol (mother of Lori Myers)- died 8/11

Serving Our Country

- Charles Clark - IA National Guard
- Hunter (husband of Sarah Ealy) - IA National Guard

- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich) - Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy

Collect of the Day

Let us pray… O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the 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.
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.

Notes and Announcements

Confirmation Classes (7th & 8th), and **High School Youth** group (9th-12th) are held on **Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m., starting September 9. Sunday School** classes will begin **Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 a.m.**

Fall Festival — Sunday, September 20 - Join us for one worship service at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch, yard games, Bingo, and backpack-packing for Orphan Grain Train. RSVP for lunch at the Welcome Counter and sign up to volunteer.

It's **back to school time** and the perfect time for an in-gathering of School Kits for **The Orphan Grain Train!** Items we will be collecting include spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, 24 count crayons, rulers, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, 12 count color pencils and pencil sharpeners. Collection will start on **Sunday, August 16th and go through Sunday, September 13th.** Volunteers can help **assemble the kits during the fall picnic** on the **20th of September**. Look for the sign up sheets outside the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study will resume in person, **Wednesday, September 9, in the Adult Education Room, at 6:00 a.m.** The study will be 12 sessions on Exodus called Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School by Bruce Wurdeman. Please contact Dave Johnson with questions.

Quilting for World Relief will be Tuesday, **September 8** at **9:00 a.m.** All are welcome!

On Mondays we serve coffee, cocoa, and smiles to students and neighbors who walk or drive by at 6:30-8:00 a.m. If you would like to serve, please sign up at **www.bethanycr.org/serve**.

Women's group will start at Bethany on **Monday, October 5**. All women are welcome to join us Mondays at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sign up and purchase your book in the church office.

Monday Adult Bible Study will begin **at 7:00 p.m.** on **October 5.** Please sign up at the Welcome Counter.

Feeling Musical? Fall is a great time to join choir or the handbell choir! **Choir rehearsals are Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m**. **Handbell rehearsals Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.**