# Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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## October 4th, 2026 A.D. 19th 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.**

**Psalm** (*From Psalm 118*)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**
The stone that the builders rejected
**has become the cornerstone.**
This is the LORD's doing;
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**
This is the day that the LORD has made;
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**Scripture Lesson** (*Matthew 21:33-46*)

33 [Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard
and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and
went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants
to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.
36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he
sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they
said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they
took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the
vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches
to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their
seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*"'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;*
*this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?*
[43]Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. [44]And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

[45]When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. [46]And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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**Apostles' Creed**

**C 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**

**Thanksgiving**
- Quincy (Mims, grandparents; Hass great grandparents) born 9/26
- Mary Jane (mother of P. Hedtke) - completed cancer treatment
- Ron Prescott– recovered after surgery

**Entrusting into God's Care**
- Orphan Grain Train

**Healing**
- Taylor (niece of Dawn Thomas)- pregnancy complications
- Jim Heitland- upcoming procedure
- Sven (brother of Pete Larson)- cancer treatment
- Emily Kroemer– fractured foot
- Leonard Tiedt– recovering after surgery
- Pat Krekeler– health issues
- Fran Struck- recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - recovering at Cottage Grove after surgery
- Carol McGinnis– recovering after surgery
- Ben Mims– recovering after surgery
- Earlene Francik– health issues
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jennine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Ron Prescott– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues
- Tom Larson - health issues

**Homebound**
- Bonnie Bubke– Cottage Grove

**Grief (family and friends of)**
- Betty (mother of Ann Balvanz, aunt of Dan Balvanz– died 9/19
- Ken (brother of Beth Wright)- died 9/12

**Serving Our Country**
- Charles Clark- IA National Guard
- Hunter 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

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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.**

Announcements

Today we celebrate **LWML Sunday** with Lutheran Churches around the world. **The LWML supports missions around the world and here at Bethany**. See the **LWML display in the Gathering Area** to learn more about ways to be involved in the women's guild and place your mites in the mite box.

**Stewardship packets** will be available for Bethany members outside the sanctuary again today, **please plan to pick up** if you didn't last Sunday. Please start to prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2027. **Plan to return your pledge card to Bethany by October 18**.

Joy has a Shirt Store - can you believe it!? Two shirt designs are available in multiple colors and shirt options. The Online apparel store is open October 1-15. **Orders must be submitted by October 15** and will ship directly to you. Scan the QR Code to place an order.

Calling all ***moms*** with young children! A **moms' bible study** is starting on **Saturday, October 10th**! All mothers with young children are invited to the **Bethany nursery at 9 a.m.** to let your children play and for the moms to get acquainted. A bible study (and snacks!) will be provided. You may choose to discuss the bible study together or take it home. Contact Cindy Goerdt with questions. **We hope to see you there!**

Join your Bethany friends for a **bike ride** on **Sunday October 11**, starting at 2:00 p.m., followed by **ice cream at Almost Famous**! **Additional details** and **sign up at the Welcome Center.**

**High School Students** join us for **A Night at Bloomsbury on Wednesday, October 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Bloomsbury Farm!** Enjoy a fun evening of food, fellowship, and fall fun with other CR-area youth groups. **Dinner is included, and friends are welcome to join us!** Sign-up by October 18 by scanning the QR Code.

Thank you to all who donated supplies, Thrivent Cards and your time making backpacks for **Orphan Grain Train**. If you are interested in visiting the **Central Iowa Orphan Grain Train for a tour and volunteer the morning of Tuesday, October 20**, sign-up at the Welcome Counter. Contact Tina Freese if you have questions.