Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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October 25th, 2026 A.D. **Reformation Sunday**

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 119 & 34*)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Scripture Lesson (*John 8:31-36*)

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my
disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are
offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become
free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The
slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will
be free indeed."

Sermon

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

Thanksgiving
- Ben Kroemer- Safe service in the Iowa Army National Guard for 12 years

Entrusting into God's Care
- Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center renovation, safety and funding -
LCMS Missionaries

Healing
- Lee (husband of Brenda Heims)- recovering after surgery
- Nylotis Moeller- cancer treatment
- David Behrens- recovering after procedure
- Jim Heitland- recovering after procedure
- Michael (relative of Randy Schmitt)- recovering after surgery
- Susie (sister of Randy Schmitt)- recovering after hospitalization
- Jerry (father of Jolene Trent)- hospitalization
- Rob Willms -health issues
- Angie (friend of Dave Johnson) - cancer
- Tom Larson – recovering after surgery
- Taylor (niece of Dawn Thomas)- pregnancy complications
- 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
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jeannine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues

Homebound
- Verlyn & Paul LeFevere- at home

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
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths)- US Navy

Collect of the Day

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

The **American Red Cross** will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on **Tuesday, October 27, starting at 1:00 PM.** To make an appointment to donate blood, please scan the QR code or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.
The **LWML** will hold an **Election Day Bake Sale** on **November 3**. We are asking for **donations from anyone that likes to bake!** You may drop off baked goods (packaged on paper products) at church on November 2 from 3:00 - 6:30, or any time before noon on November 3. **Proceeds from the sale will support organizations such as Bridgehaven, Camp Courageous, His Hands Free Medical Clinic, Salvation Army, Matthew 25 and Willis Dady**.

Our pantry supporters are appreciated! Thank you to everyone who has served Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry in any capacity over the years—volunteering, donating, etc.—it takes an army! **All are invited to a pantry appreciation breakfast on Thursday, November 5.** Please plan to join us at **Bethany at 10:30 a.m. for breakfast** and a presentation to celebrate how God is at work.

Let's Support Our Bethany Students! Show our Bethany youth you care by cheering them on at their school activities—sports, concerts, plays, and more! Parents: **Share your child's upcoming events using the QR Code.** Include ticket and parking details. Let's show our students their Bethany family is cheering them on! Calendar of student events will be published as activities are added.

Our **annual congregational voters' meeting** will be held on **Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m**. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please plan to attend the voters' meeting after services in the Family Life Center.

The next Moms' Bible Study will be **Saturday, November 7!** All mothers with young children are invited to the **Bethany at 9:30 a.m.** There will be **grandmas to watch your children** in the nursery while the moms get together across the hall to discuss Eve from the bible study "God Loves Moms." No need to have read the chapter on Eve ahead of time, just come and enjoy Christian fellowship with other moms while your children are entertained!