Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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November 1st, 2026 A.D. **All Saints' Day**

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 other parts of the service 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 31*

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Scripture Lesson *Matthew 5:1-12*

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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.

Bethany's Prayer List
Thanksgiving
- All Saints Remembrance

Entrusting into God's Care
- Jerry (father of Jolene Trent)- hospice care
- Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center renovation, safety and funding
- Orphan Grain Train

Healing
- Susan Schoen- health issues
- 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
- 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
- Marge Grovert- Ridgeview Assisted Living

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 everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever…
Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; 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 **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.

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**.

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 is available in the weekly email.

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!

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief meets **Tuesday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m.–noon**. Come enjoy a morning of fellowship while helping create quilts that provide warmth and comfort to people in need around the world. Everyone is welcome—**no quilting experience or special skills needed!**