

The Congregation at Prayer
A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the First Sunday after Trinity
 June 7th through June 13th, 2026

Catechesis Notes for the Week—The Fifth Petition—Faith in Christ’s Righteousness Brings True Freedom—Faith in Christ’s righteousness, which is a free gift of God’s grace that covers all our sin, gives true freedom. It is by the gift of Christ’s righteousness that we learn to commend our fellow sinners to God, not holding their sins against them but sincerely forgiving them and gladly doing good to them, especially when they sin against us. This is why faith continues to pray that God would preserve us in His forgiveness. Satan’s desire is to tempt us away from the free gift of the righteousness of Christ. The faith which receives Christ’s righteousness is always calling upon Him in prayer to preserve us in the freedom of His righteousness and to extend that same freedom to those who sin against us through the forgiveness of sins.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or use as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: God Is My Help.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Matthew 9:13

**Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.”
 For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance**

Psalm 33:12-22 (antiphon v. 20)—Pray the Psalm Daily

Prayer on the Psalm: *Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer—The Fifth Petition

What is the Fifth Petition?

**And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them.

We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.

So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Preschool +

Second Grade +

Prayer on the Fifth Petition: Heavenly Father, forgive us our trespasses. Do not look upon our sins or deny any of our prayers because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that You would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. Grant us Your forgiveness, so that we, too, will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the week of Trinity 1

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	You Shall Not Murder—Matthew 5:21-26	Isaiah 7:10-16
Tuesday	You Shall Not Commit Adultery—Matthew 5:27-32	Isaiah 8:11-20
Wednesday	You Shall Not Give False Testimony—Matthew 5:33-37	Isaiah 9:2-7
Thursday	St. Barnabas, Apostle: Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3	Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Love Your Enemies—Matthew 5:38-48	Isaiah 10:1-4, 20-23
Saturday	The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6:1-18	Isaiah 11:1-10

Prayers: Collects for the Week; Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for the Week of the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for The Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle (Thursday):

Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In Our Prayers this Week (See Bulletin)

Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

Let Me Be Thine Forever

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Looking forward to the Second Sunday after Trinity

June 14th 2026

Hymns: 728, 510, 628, 563, 642, 570, 773, 634, 832

Proverbs 9:1-10: Repentance, which is a word describing the character of saving faith, involves a "change of mind" or a "different way of believing" about one's self and one's Lord. It involves the letting go of the self as god because of the belief in one's sin, and the laying hold of Christ as God because He is the only Savior. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Ephesians 2:13-22: St. Paul teaches concerning the Church and the fellowship of Jew and Gentile together. The Jews and the Gentiles were formerly estranged from one another, but by the blood of Christ the two who were at enmity are now reconciled to each other by the forgiveness of sins. This reconciliation of grace that we share from our Lord has broken down both the wall of partition separating sinners from each other and the wall of partition separating us from God.

Luke 14:15-24: The parable of the Great Supper teaches us that the call of the Gospel to receive salvation in Christ is like an invitation which is rejected because people have "more important things to do." These "things" are really the false faiths of the flesh. They represent the idolatry of the sinful heart that believes in works or any other "god" for its life and salvation. If those who rejected would have believed in their true need for God's salvation they would have received the invitation with joy. Those who are helpless and needy receive the invitation and believe the Gospel. Those who believe they have no need reject the invitation and are excluded from salvation.