

## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

**Prayer** *Lord God, be merciful to me as one of your congregation of believers and grant me pardon and peace. Cleanse me from all sins that I may serve you with a good conscience all the days of my life. Amen.*

**Confession** *The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on earth had become and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. Genesis 6:5*

**Absolution** *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins. Colossians 2:13*

### Psalm 73

I am always with you, O LORD;  
you hold me by my right hand.  
You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will take me into glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is  
the strength of my heart and my portion forever.  
As for me, it is good to be near God.  
I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge;  
I will tell of all your deeds.

### Hymn 376

Jesus, your blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.  
Bold shall I stand in that great day  
Who can a word against me say?  
Fully through you absolved I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 23	Ps 90	Ps 111	Ps 27	2 Ki 2:6-18	Ps 34:11-22
Isa 25:6-9	Am 5:6-7, 10-15	Ru 1:1-19	Hos 1:2-11	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Jer 30:12-17
Php 4:4-13	Heb 3:1-6	2 Ti 2:8-13	Eph 5:15-21	Lk 6:43-49	Jas 5:13-20
Mt 22:1-14	Mk 10:17-27	Lk 17:11-19	Mt 22:1-14	Mt 7:24-29	Mk 1:21-28

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1 Th 4:1-8	Ps 107:43	Acts 6:2-4	2 Ch 33:9-16	Lk 11:45-54	Job 16:1-4
LC Bap:57-59	LC Cr:33	Tr:10	Ap IV:172	Ap II:51	LC LP:19-21
WLS:47	WLS:4520	WLS:3566	WLS:1545	WLS:3816	WLS:2314
Lk 13:34	Job 15:7-12	Ro 15:14-19	Isa 55:10-11	Heb 11:24-26	Dt 1:26-31
FC IV:17-18	FC V:27	SC Pre:14-16	FC V:20-22	AC Pre:12-14	Ap XII:161
WLS:3247	WLS:300	WLS:3581	WLS:1885	WLS:1170	WLS:4112
Da 1:8-21	Jude 20-21	Ex 4:10-17	Jn 8:26	Ps 37:20	1 Th 5:14
AC XX:35-40	LC TC:88-90	Ap XXIV:80	Ap XXVII:13	FC XII:5-6	FC XI:48-49
WLS:3900	WLS:3167	WLS:364	WLS:3988	WLS:2627	WLS:715
1 Sa 19:1-5	Mt 7:24-27	Ps 119:7	1 Ti 3:16	Joel 3:9-10	Heb 12:7-13
SC TC:11-12	FC II:71-72	Ap IV:299	AC XII:1-6	FC XI:1-2	LC LP:92
WLS:740	WLS:4402	WLS:2970	WLS:1467	WLS:1969	WLS:3113

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

You made me a sexual creature, O God. I am not an angel. In addition, I am no angel. I have succumbed to the perverse impulses of my old Adam. You gave me sexual desires, in part, to bring me pleasure in my earthly life, but I have not always pleased you. Cause your Holy Spirit to live powerfully in me, to sanctify my body, mind and spirit, to strengthen me to avoid all sexual immorality and to control my body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust. You have called me to live a holy life. Empower me to do it. Amen.

### **Student**

My mind plays tricks on me, O Lord. Actually, I just fool myself, do I not? You have given me a precious treasure in my human reason, but I am tempted to go too far with it. You gave me my mind to be your servant, but my heart wants to promote it to master. Cause my faith in your words and promises to dominate my thinking, O God. By that faith control not only what I believe, but what I accept and feel. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

It is hard for me to speak for you, O Lord. I must conquer my inborn dread of speaking in public. I have anxiety over whether I will say the right things. I feel a reluctance to take on the responsibility of representing you because I know I have no innate ability to do it properly. Part of me wants to say to you, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." For whatever reason, though, you have chosen me. So I pray: Help me to speak and teach me what to say. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

I hate myself when it happens, O God, and it happens much too often. I despise myself for my ordinary attitude to Jesus and his work, for letting my familiarity with the facts and my repetition of the promises turn your salvation into "ordinary" salvation. Beyond all measure, the mystery of your salvation is great! Fill my heart and mind with this awe-full truth. Even more, fill my lips as I proclaim it to the nations, that Jesus might be believed on in the world. Amen.

### **Advocate**

You got it too, did you not, O Jesus? When you told people the truth, the truth they did not want to hear, they changed the subject and tried to turn it back on you, to accuse you of being loveless and mean. They said, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us." Give me your tender heart, O Jesus, your tender heart that is sensitive to a broken reed or smoldering flax. Give me also your stout heart, your stout heart that ignores whining and false accusations and continues to testify to God's truth. Amen.

### **Counselor**

Fear is so enervating, O Holy Spirit. It paralyzes the heart and causes arms to hang limp and knees to buckle. Use my lips to provide the antidote to fear: Your presence and power. Help me to fortify the trembling and timid with your promise to bear them through life, as a father carries his son. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*May the LORD your God accept you. 2 Samuel 24:23*

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**Prayer** *O God, hear my prayers and give me strength to live a holy life. Grant me grace to receive your gifts with a thankful heart and to put them to good and honest use. Amen.*

**Confession** *I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. Job 40:5*

**Absolution** *The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you." Zechariah 3:4*

### Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.  
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
He will come to judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his truth.

### Hymn 203

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your Christendom that we  
May sing your praise eternally.  
O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 96	Ps 22	Ps 121	Ps 139b	Da 3:19-30	Ps 107:10-22
Isa 45:1-7	Isa 53:10-12	Ge 32:22-30	Dt 1:26-36	Ro 14:4-12	Ge 37:12-29
1 Th 1:1-5	Heb 4:9-16	2 Ti 3:14-4:5	Eph 6:10-17	Mk 10:46-52	2 Co 10:3-6
Mt 22:15-21	Mk 10:35-45	Lk 18:1-8	Jn 4:46-54	Jn 5:1-9	Mt 20:29-34

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Ecc 11:1-2	Eph 4:14-15	La 2:14	Heb 7:15-16	Ex 32:15-29	Lk 4:9-13
FC I:11-12	Ap XXVII:55	LC SoA:31-32	LC LP:52	FC II:8	Ap IV:57-60
WLS:2763	WLS:1396	WLS:3600	WLS:616	WLS:588	WLS:4206
Ge 50:15-21	Lk 24:25-27	Ps 32:8-9	2 Co 6:1-2	Da 6:6-23	Ps 77:1-9
Ap XXI:4-7	FC VI:9	LC TC:84	AtCr:27-28	SA Pre:5-7	FC IV:23
WLS:3865	WLS:3707	WLS:7	WLS:4565	WLS:2682	WLS:565
2 Ti 1:3-7	Pr 18:13	1 Pe 5:1-4	Ge 4:26	Mt 14:1-12	Ps 56:3-4
LC LP:73-74	Ap XXVIII:18-19	Tr:60	Tr:67	Ap XII:90	SA III/III:43-45
WLS:412	WLS:4808	WLS:3549	WLS:597	WLS:793	WLS:1864
1 Jn 3:16-18	Pr 19:8	Mt 16:13-19	Ps 51:18-19	Tit 1:10-11	Isa 54:9-10
AC XVIII:1-7	FC II:9	SC Pre:7	Ap IX:1-3	LC TC:262	Ap IV:37-38
WLS:2572	WLS:886	WLS:3582	WLS:1844	WLS:110	WLS:4439

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

"To err is human, to forgive, divine." That looks so true to me, O Jesus. But I have used it as an excuse. In my selfishness I have failed to forgive and thought, "I will just leave that to God." I have borne grudges and even plotted revenge, little thinking that by so doing I was then putting myself in your place. To forgive is divine, and you have forgiven me, along with all people, by your death. You have also given me this divine prerogative. Make me a human who forgives as you have forgiven me. Amen.

### **Student**

I hate it when I ask questions and students start to answer before I am done talking. What are they thinking!? What have I been thinking? O Holy Spirit, my eyes have slid across the pages of the Bible with the false confidence that I know the answers. Keep me from such foolishness. Remove my shame through Jesus and open my mind and heart to listen first when I study and to find your answers rather than inventing mine. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

I preach and teach your Word, O Jesus. I read passages and ask people to look up others. I explain and proclaim the Bible. As I do this, keep me focused on you the center of the Bible. Free me from the easy path and often quick results of law-dominated lessons. Make me a witness who readily, regularly and confidently identifies you, the Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

Achilles had his heel and Superman his kryptonite, but you have nothing, O Jesus. And praise be to God for that! You save by the power of your indestructible life. My mind cannot truly comprehend the nature of this. You are God and man. You are life itself. Empower me by this truth. Fill me with confidence that you are the Savior of all and with courage to speak of you. Amen.

### **Advocate**

I do not think that people are usually out to get me personally, O Lord, though paranoia is no stranger to my heart. I do believe that some threaten me simply because I speak your Word. They just do not want to hear anything that contradicts what they believe. They have never threatened to throw me into a den of lions, but the criticism, ridicule and gossip I face are real enough. Do not let me give in. When threatened, embolden me even more to show where I stand. I pray this in the certainty that you, who shut the mouths of lions, can close the mouths of weasels as well. Amen.

### **Counselor**

I fear for the unafraid. For example, part of me winces when I hear someone tell me that he is not afraid to die. Who would not shiver and shudder, quaver and quail at such a dreadful prospect? You give the answer for all fear, O God: Your promises. Use me to trouble those with false courage. Even more, use me to calm those troubled by any fear by pointing them to you, the God in whom all can trust and not be afraid. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. Psalm 3:8*

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

**Prayer** *Almighty and eternal God, be gracious to me as I pray to you. Do not deal with me according to your justice, but mercifully grant me your pardon and peace. Amen.*

**Confession** *Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?" Proverbs 20:9*

**Absolution** *Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Romans 5:1-2*

### Psalm 31

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me.

My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from my enemies.

How great is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy  
when I called to you for help.

### Hymn 438

In God, my faithful God,  
I trust when dark my road;  
Though many woes o'ertake me,  
Yet he will not forsake me.

Though heavy griefs are pressing,  
He'll turn them into blessing.

My sins assail me sore,  
But I despair no more.  
I build on Christ, who loves me;  
From this rock nothing moves me.

To him I all surrender,  
To him, my soul's defender.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 33	Ps 126	Ps 119b	Ps 38	Ge 50:15-23	Ps 39
Lev 19:1-2, 15-18	Jer 31:7-9	Dt 10:12-22	Ge 50:15-21	Ro 4:1-8	Ne 1:1-11
1 Th 1:5-10	Heb 5:1-10	2 Ti 4:6-8, 16-18	Php 1:3-11	Lk 14:25-35	Heb 7:26-8:2
Mt 22:34-46	Mk 10:46-52	Lk 18:18-27	Mt 18:23-35	Lk 8:27-39	Mk 5:1-20

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Jn 5:24	Ps 119:89-93	2 Co 3:4-6	Da 2:44-45	2 Pe 2:1-10	Ge 5:28-29
Ap VII/VIII:22	FC II:25-26	FC XI:14, 16	AC V:1-4	Ap VII/VIII:2	FC XI:6
WLS:4010	WLS:3714	WLS:1328	WLS:4030	WLS:1956	WLS:1535
Rev 2:19	Ezr 7:10	Jn 17:18	Pr 18:10	Eph 6:19-20	Jer 30:11-17
LC TC:104-107	LC TC:95-97	FC II:50-51	Ap VII/VIII:10-11	FC RN:15-16	LC TC:71-72
WLS:153	WLS:4640	WLS:2954	WLS:1354	WLS:1221	WLS:2292
Pr 26:18-28	1 Co 1:4-7	Ps 8:1-2	1 Pe 2:23-25	Jdg 4:17-22	Mt 11:28-30
SC Con:15-20	FC VIII:96	LC Con:5-7	LC Cr:66-69	FC Int:6-8	Ap XII:151-153
WLS:2031	WLS:1676	WLS:3612	WLS:2161	WLS:280	WLS:3964
Mal 2:11-16	Jn 16:12-15	2 Ki 23:1-25	Mk 14:6-062	Pr 31:8-9	1 Co 12:21-26
LC LP:39	LC Cr:63-65	LC SoA:15-19	FC XI:43-44	Ap Pre:10-16	FC XI:89-91
WLS:4668	WLS:3728	WLS:2918	WLS:4638	WLS:2713	WLS:1421

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

I would like to blame my tongue, my lips and my voice, O God, But then I would be passing the buck like Adam, chiding you for the gifts you give. I see so much sin and wickedness in my life in what I say: deceit, gossip, flattery, arguing, and harsh words that hurt and lead to quarrels. I cannot be such a fool and blame my tongue when the fault lies only with me. I confess that I have sinned in the words I have spoken. Forgive me for Jesus' sake and renew my heart to speak righteously. Amen.

### **Student**

I had to learn to share, O Jesus. My parents had to teach me to let others have what I considered mine. How different you are! You received from the Father. You gave to the Spirit. And the Spirit shares with me, not toys or candy bars or baseball cards, but the truth. Make me eager to receive it and instill in me the will to be led by him as he guides me in it. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

"It's not bragging if you can back it up." I am not bragging, O Lord, but I can do it. My confidence and competence as a minister of the gospel, however, do not come from me, but from you. I am confident and competent as a minister of the gospel because your Spirit works through the gospel I proclaim, and he gives life by its promises. Fill me with this certainty every day. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

The era of castles has come and gone, O Lord, but the concept endures: a fortified sanctuary, a place of safety, large enough for all in its area. Such a castle remains; it is your saving name. No stronger fortress exists. No other place offers such true and certain refuge. All who run to it are safe. Use me to give directions. Amen.

### **Advocate**

A hammer and a peg are not part of my everyday life, O Father. When I hear how Jael used them on Sisera, I shudder at the brutality and death. But even in the midst of such a horrific scene you give me confidence and encouragement. Your will always prevails. Enemies may rise against your Word, but one person can make a difference by taking a stand. Make me that person. Use me to defeat the enemies of your people, not with a hammer and a peg, but with your truth. Amen.

### **Counselor**

Some days I just want my heart back, O Comforter. Some days it seems like so many want a piece of my heart, and I just want to be left alone. But that is not what you want, at least not on a regular basis. You made me a part of the body of Christ in this place and connected me to others. By this truth remind me that, if one suffers here, I suffer. As your appointed counselor help me to show concern for all at all times. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*[To God's elect] who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be your in abundance. 1 Peter 1:2*

## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prayer** *Lord God, forgive the wrong I have done. Be kind to me in my weakness and keep me from becoming a slave to sin. Amen.*

**Confession** *Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Psalm 51:9*

**Absolution** *Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. Hebrews 7:27*

### Psalm 145

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.  
One generation will commend your works to another;  
they will tell of your mighty acts.  
  
The LORD upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
  
The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

### Hymn 499

O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight,  
To live our lives to you.  
  
Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
To feel for those his blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought  
May work a work for you.  
  
In sickness, sorrow, want, or care  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as though to you.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 92	Ps 119a	Ps 145	Ps 89	1 Sa 20:27-42	Ps 73:13-28
Mal 3:14-18	Dt 6:1-9	Ex 34:5-9	Dt 10:12-20	Acts 20:26-32	2 Ki 18:1-8
1 Th 3:7-13	Heb 7:23-28	2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12	Php 3:17-21	Mt 17:24-27	Ro 16:17-20
Mt 25:14-30	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 19:1-10	Mt 22:15-22	Jn 7:1-13	Lk 20:20-26

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Nu 12:1-15	Jn 12:21	Pr 13:14, 17	Php 2:5-11	2 Ch 13:4-12	Acts 9:32-43
LC TC:264	FC II:54	Ap IV:299	Ap IV:291	Tr:59	LC LP:88-89
WLS:1008	WLS:4762	WLS:2286	WLS:133	WLS:4783	WLS:3142
Am 6:1-7	2 Pe 1:16-21	1 Ki 22:13-14	Mt 10:27	Ps 124:1-8	2 Co 1:3-7
SA III/III:40	LC Cr:24	AC XIV	SA II/I:5	Ap IV:232	Ap XXIV:71-73
WLS:1791	WLS:1199	WLS:3644	WLS:2219	WLS:295	WLS:4334
Mt 6:25-34	Pr 15:33	1 Co 15:1-8	Jnh 4:1-11	Acts 9:26-30	1 Sa 23:14-18
Ap XII:174	FC XI:14, 21	FC V:5-6	Ap XXVII:13	LC TC:117-119	FC II:12-14
WLS:4838	WLS:3159	WLS:883	WLS:4037	WLS:2194	WLS:1560
1 Ti 5:8	Ps 44:1	Acts 13:12	1 Sa 17:46-47	Mk 7:6-8	Ps 102:1-11, 17
FC XI:56	Ap XXI:36-37	FC XI:3	Tr:9	FC XII:40	SA III/III:36-38
WLS:628	WLS:3738	WLS:3573	WLS:771	WLS:2603	WLS:2804

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

I do not particularly care to think about finances, neither the church's nor mine. I thank you that you have provided willing workers to look after money matters in the church, O heavenly Father. But I cannot distance myself from them in my home. You charge parents to provide for their families. You condemn those who neglect to do so with denying their faith. I thank you for the means you have given me to provide for my family. I ask you for your Holy Spirit that I might be faithful in this holy work. Amen.

### **Student**

I missed you, O Jesus. I was born out of time, centuries too late. I never saw you, and I doubt the pictures do you justice. I never laid eyes on you then, but you give me the opportunity to see you now. Open the eyes of my mind and soul to see you where you are always found, in your holy Word. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

I want to be like Micaiah, O Lord. When everyone else proclaimed his own thoughts and he was told to agree with them, he said, "I can only tell . . . what the LORD tells me." That is why I want to be like Micaiah. That to me is faithfulness, O Lord. Make me your mouthpiece, your spokesman, your servant who tells others what you tell me in your Word. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

O God, you and I have had a difference of opinion about my enemies. I have gotten angry at them. I have wanted to hate them. I have found joy in their troubles and pleasure in their pain. And all this time you have loved them. Your concern for all people overwhelms me. Change my mind and keep it changed. Fill me with your love for all. Get me on my feet and send me swiftly with the gospel that all may hear, repent and be saved—including my enemies. Amen.

### **Advocate**

The problem you have with false teachers, O Jesus, is not always that they do not have any kind of faith, or that they are insincere. I have to admit that the conformity of their hearts with their lips has made me ashamed of my timidity. The problem lies in that they believe lies. They let go of the commands of God and hold on to the traditions of men. Spare me from that, I pray. Cause me to recognize error, especially when it is sincerely held. Fasten the hands of my faith to your truth and your truth alone. Amen.

### **Counselor**

I hate suffering, O Holy Spirit, especially when it seems so hopeless. I struggle to counsel those who endure years of chronic pain. I fumble when I speak to the grieving, who wonder why your faithful people are taken away in death. At those times I am glad to know that you have the right words. Put them on my lips, those words of comfort and hope, of healing and life, and rest the hearts of the distressed and mourning on your sure love in Christ. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*O LORD, you are God! You have promised these good things to your servant. 1 Chronicles 17:26*



## First Sunday of End Time

**Prayer** *O Lord God, send me the Holy Spirit. Protect me in every temptation, defend me against all who oppose your Word, and give me courage and endurance in my battle for the faith. Amen.*

**Confession** *Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. James 4:17*

**Absolution** *Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29*

### Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth give way and  
the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river  
whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fail;  
God will help her at break of day.

The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### Hymn 200

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.

The old evil foe now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected.

You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.

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Ps 46	Ps 46	Ps 46	Ps 46	Ps 46	Ps 17:7-15
Da 6:10-12, 16-23	Jer 18:1-11	Jer 31:31-34	Isa 43:1-7	2 Ki 23:21-27	Hab 2:1-4
Gal 5:1-6	Rev 14:6-7	Ro 3:19-28	Ro 3:19-28	2 Th 2:7-17	Gal 1:1-12
Mt 10:16-23	Mk 13:5-11	Jn 8:31-36	Jn 17:6-19	Mt 23:1-12	Lk 11:37-54

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Acts 21:12-14	Dt 4:9-14	Lk 4:14-21	Ps 2:1-12	Ro 5:1-5	Isa 40:27-31
FC III:23	LC Bap:41-42	SC Pre:26-27	FC XI:65-67	FC VII:2	Ap IV:149-150
WLS:2379	WLS:437	WLS:5090	WLS:3323	WLS:1223	WLS:4161
Ro 15:1-7	Ps 48:9	Rev 10:9-11	Isa 60:1-6	Jn 16:1-4	Pr 24:26
Ap IV:192-194	FC VII:43	Ap IV:5-6	AC XX:24-26	FC III:6	FC XI:14, 20
WLS:3923	WLS:3735	WLS:2902	WLS:3910	WLS:1938	WLS:1345
2 Sa 1:25-27	Lk 11:27-28	Ps 92:12-15	Gal 3:10-14	Jdg 4:14-16	Rev 3:10
LC TC:182	LC TC:99	Ap IV:256-257	FC I:39	Ap XXII:15-17	LC TC:155-157
WLS:613	WLS:4755	WLS:1951	WLS:16	WLS:3805	WLS:2039
Ecc 9:11	Ps 119:23-24	Eze 34:1-10	Rev 22:14	2 Ki 19:20-34	Jn 10:28-30
Ap IV:242-243	FC II:16	AC XXVIII:5-12	Ap XXIV:11-12	Ap IV:376-377	Ap IV:118-119
WLS:1902	WLS:180	WLS:4752	WLS:1861	WLS:109	WLS:4220

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

I have learned what it means to pray, “Thy will be done.” I know I am asking you to preserve my faith from the assaults by the devil, the world, and my own sinful flesh. Teach me, O Lord, also to pray this about all things in my life, to ask your will to be done in my family, ministry, community, church, and world. Make me confident that your will works all things for my good. Amen.

### **Student**

You teach me, O Spirit, that there is no one escape, no one safe place, no one hiding place from the threats of Satan, the lure of the world, the accusations of my soul. How I yearn for a fortress of solitude! You do not give one place to go, but you go with me wherever I am. Your Word is my escape, my safety, my hiding place. Take me there and rescue me as I meditate on your unfailing love in Christ. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

Old age seems to be my destiny, O Lord. I know and believe that my times are in your hands. You pluck your people from this desert drear at any age. But generally you grant the threescore and ten. I do not ask you for long life on the earth. I do ask you for a fruitful life. Keep me fresh and green at every age as I proclaim, “The Lord is upright; He is my Rock.” Amen.

### **Evangelist**

At an early age, O God, I learned to be clean, with clean clothes and a clean body. But no scrubbing of mine of any kind could ever have made me clean in soul, acceptable in your sight and worthy of eternal life. Nevertheless, I look forward to being in heaven, to entering the eternal city and to eating of the tree of life, because you have freed me from sin. What good news to have and to share, that your special formula, the blood of Jesus, washes our robes and makes us clean! Amen.

### **Advocate**

What good can come out of suffering? As I endure it as a minister of the gospel, O Lord, I wonder: Where is the blessing when I am called a fanatic? How am I helped when people say I am mean-spirited, with a closed mind? What improvement do I gain from being told I live in the Dark Ages? You give the answer: suffering produces perseverance, which produces character, which produces hope. Make that connection clear to me and by it encourage me to stand firm. Amen.

### **Counselor**

“Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen.” Many people I have dealt with could have sung that number. They felt they were suffering and that nobody knew or cared. There have been days when I could have sung it too, O God. But it is never true, is it? Our way is never hidden from you; you never disregard our cause. Help me to lift the eyes of the weary, the weak and the stumbling to you, to have their eyes meet yours and to be renewed in their strength as they put their hope in you. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. Psalm 33:12*

## Second Sunday of End Time

**Prayer** *O Lord God, help me to remember my approaching death and the final judgment. Give me strength to lead a holy life that you may find me ready when you come. Amen.*

**Confession** *Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Psalm 19:12*

**Absolution** *The LORD has taken away your sin. 2 Samuel 12:13*

### Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born or you brought  
forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
You turn men back to dust.  
You sweep men away in the sleep of death.  
You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.  
Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.  
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

### Hymn 605 (TLH)

The world is very evil,  
The times are waxing late;  
Be sober and keep vigil,  
The Judge is at the gate;  
The Judge that comes in mercy,  
The Judge that comes with might,  
To terminate the evil, to diadem the right.  
Arise, arise, good Christian,  
Let right to wrong succeed;  
Let penitential sorrow  
To heav'nly gladness lead,  
To light that has no evening,  
That knows no moon nor sun,  
The light so new and golden,  
The light that is but one.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 90	Ps 90	Ps 90	Ps 16	Gen 19:15-29	Ps 103:15-22
Da 7:9-10	Mal 4:1-2	Jer 26:1-6	Jer 8:4-7	Heb 4:14-16	Eze 34:17-24
1 Th 5:1-11	Heb 9:24-28	2 Th 1:5-10	1 Th 4:13-18	Lk 19:11-27	Rev 22:6-11
Mt 25:31-46	Jn 5:19-24	Lk 19:11-27	Mt 25:31-46	Lk 16:10-17	Mt 24:37-44

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Mic 7:1-7	1 Jn 4:1-3	Ps 34:11	Lk 14:15-24	Ps 57:4-6	Ro 8:28-30
Ap XVIII:9-10	FC II:80	LC TC:248-249	SA III/II:4-5	Ap XII:123	FC XI:30-32
WLS:4179	WLS:2910	WLS:2353	WLS:4032	WLS:2657	WLS:955
SS 2:16-3:5	2 Ti 3:14-17	Ps 68:11	Acts 2:38-39	Dt 20:1-4	Mk 5:21-24, 35-43
LC SoA:49-50	FC VIII:53	Tr:11	Ap XII:146	LC TC:262	LC LP:15-16
WLS:1370	WLS:4364	WLS:3551	WLS:849	WLS:4687	WLS:2534
Heb 13:1-6	Ps 48:14	Jn 1:34	Ps 82:8	2 Th 3:14-15	Isa 48:22
FC II:88	FC XI:62-64	SC Pre:1-6	Ap XII:61-62	FC RN:8	Ap IV:21
WLS:2261	WLS:1653	WLS:4494	WLS:3116	WLS:1233	WLS:3864
Mk 11:22-24	Pr 19:2	2 Ti 2:15	Jer 31:3-6	Rev 2:13-16	2 Ch 32:6-8
LC TC:307-308	LC Cr:23	Ap XII:39-43	LC Bap:10	SA II/II:15	FC 1:32
WLS:4625	WLS:3718	WLS:2936	WLS:4861	WLS:1722	WLS:200

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

O Lord, how puzzling romantic love seems! What an enigma physical love is! You grant them, yet as to explaining them, who can do it? Cause me to treasure them as your gifts. Keep cynicism and irreverence from my heart. And thank you, Lord, for the blessing of being able to fall in love and to be loved fully by another. Amen.

### **Student**

You give me pretty good hindsight, O Holy Spirit. It may not be 20/20, but I know where I have been, and how you have been with me. Without you I would have stumbled and fallen and not been able to get up. Lead me today and every day. Fulfill your promise and be my guide to the end. Use your Word and my study of it to light my path forever. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

“It is a poor workman who blames his tools” –and what blasphemy it would be for me to blame mine. You have called me to be your worker, O God. My tool for this task, your Word of truth, has your power and blessing built into it. Grant me grace to do my best to handle it correctly, to proclaim law and gospel as I ought. Then I will not fear shame, but will receive approval. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

How frustrating it is to share your gospel, O Jesus. I invite and invite and hear excuse after excuse, all of which basically say, “I do not want it.” And yet, how fulfilling and blessed it is to share your gospel. Your house will be full. Keep me at it, Jesus. Send me down the highways and by-ways. Make me see everyone as someone to invite to your banquet. Amen.

### **Advocate**

There are too many of them for me, O Lord. There are too many religions, too many denominations, too many synods, too many false teachers, too many false teachings, too many people who accept Satan’s noxious and septic mixtures of truth and error. I am not even thinking about a victory over them. I am just wondering how to keep from getting overwhelmed myself! The answer is you, O Lord. I will march on and continue the fight because I know that you go with me to battle against these enemies of yours, and you will give the victory. Give me the determination to stand up and be counted as a soldier for your truth. Amen.

### **Counselor**

What a mystery peace is! How elusive, even unattainable it is to our hearts! Wickedness breeds guilt which gives birth to anxiety, all in a never-ceasing cycle. What I cannot find, O Lord, you give. What my fingers cannot hold, you place in my heart through Christ. What troubled souls seek from me, you enable me to share. Cause me ever to remember: If no Christ, then no peace; but to know Christ is to know peace. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2*

## Third Sunday of End Time

**Prayer** *Almighty God, you have joined me together with all your elect in one communion and one fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant me grace so to imitate your blessed saints in virtuous and godly living that I may join them in the unspeakable joys of heaven which you have prepared for all who sincerely love you. Amen.*

**Confession** *We have sinned, even as our fathers did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly. Psalm 106:6*

**Absolution** *You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger. Psalm 85:3-4*

### Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD Almighty!

My heart yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.

Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere.

O LORD Almighty,  
blessed is the man who trusts in you.

### Hymn 551

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who their faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight  
And in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soil
Ps 84	Ps 118	Ps 150	Ps 121	Ex 33:11-17	Ps 40
Isa 52:1-6	Da 12:1-3	Isa 65:17-25	Isa 65:17-25	Ro 8:31-39	Joel 3:9-21
1 Th 4:13-18	Heb 10:11-18	2 Th 2:13-3:5	1 Th 5:1-11	Mt 13:44-52	Rev 7:9-17
Mt 25:1-13	Jn 5:25-29	Lk 20:27-38	Mt 25:1-13	Mt 16:1-12	Mt 24:29-36

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Gal 4:6-7	Ps 119:12-16	Heb 5:11	Isa 35:8-10	Mt 10:21-23	Ps 90:1-17
LC SoA 33-35	FC V:1	FC II:52-53	FC III:8-9	FC VIII:61	SA III/III:1-6
WLS:1401	WLS:4405	WLS:3552	WLS:748	WLS:4046	WLS:2512
Lk 21:34-36	Ps 33:4	2 Co 1:12-14	Na 1:15	1 Jn 4:4-6	2 Sa 12:15-23
SC LP:21	Ap IV:229-230	LC LP:54	Ap XXVII:13	Ap XII:141	Ap IV:285
WLS:2449	WLS:206	WLS:3610	WLS:2202	WLS:620	WLS:4174
Jer 12:1-4	Acts 1:1-2	Ps 89:15-18	Jn 19:30	Pr 25:12, 15	1 Ki 8:52
Ap VII/VIII:22	Ap IV:211	LC Sh Pre:15-19	SA III/XII:1-3	SC TC:15-16	FC II:68
WLS:5084	WLS:2909	WLS:360	WLS:4227	WLS:1993	WLS:1034
Dt 21:18-21	Jn 7:14-19	Ps 118:17	Col 1:19-20	Dt 7:1-6	Lk 18:35-43
SA III/XI:1-3	SC TC:5-6	Tr:30	LC Cr:1	FC Int:4-5	LC LP:104
WLS:1113	WLS:4381	WLS:2652	WLS:1457	WLS:3844	WLS:2668

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

I trust your judgments and your justice, O Lord, but they trouble me. Like Jeremiah, Asaph and others before me, the prosperity of the wicked bothers me. How come they seem to get away with it? I would love to see them ruined, especially when they arrogantly say, “God does not see what happens to us.” Rest my heart on your righteousness and love, O Lord. Reassure me that you know and you will deal with the wicked at your own time and in your own way. Amen.

### **Student**

I cannot be exactly like you, O Jesus. You were never anyone’s disciple or student. Your learning, your wisdom, came directly from your Father. And yet I can be like you; I must be like you. My learning cannot come from myself, but must also come from your Father. Make me a “man of truth,” a person who brings honor to God by learning from him and teaching his will. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

O Holy Spirit, I know that I am not the smartest person in the world, but you have blessed me with an education in your Word that surpasses that which most of the people I serve have received. I know names, dates, terms, and concepts that go beyond the elementary truths of your Word. So I ask you: Give me patience and understanding as I teach. Keep me from expecting too much too soon. Make me willing, even happy, to explain your truths, repeatedly if necessary, so that your people may be trained in your Word. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

You make my role in the salvation of lost sinners crystal-clear, O Lord. You cause the despairing to thank you for my feet. It is not my strength, my personality, my voice or my mind. It is my feet by which I go to bring good news, to proclaim your peace. Get me on my feet and send me out. Cause me to go, wherever you send me, as your messenger to tell what you have done through Jesus. Amen.

### **Advocate**

I do not relish the idea of rebuking others. It goes against my concept of kindness and gentleness, O God. This has been reinforced by many who have responded poorly when I told them they were in error. Change my mind, I pray, and make me see that warning against falsehood is no sin, but an act of love. Help me to do it with patience and gentleness. Amen.

### **Counselor**

You call me to be a connector, O Jesus. You invite all to come to you, but those blind in their pain, distress, despair and grief would miss you as you pass by. They would not know your power to uplift, encourage and give hope. I am the go-between, the one to tell them about you and your compassionate love. Help me to see my role and to fulfill it faithfully. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*[The LORD] will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure. Isaiah 33:6*

## Fourth Sunday of End Time

**Prayer** *Almighty God and Savior of the world, you have set the day and hour of my final deliverance. Give me strength to remain watchful and to keep on praying, that I may come to the marriage of your Son and his people with joy that has no end. Amen.*

**Confession** *We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there is only terror. O LORD, we acknowledge our wickedness and the guilt of our fathers; we have indeed sinned against you. Jeremiah 14:19-20*

**Absolution** *When this high priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. . . By one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. Hebrews 10:12, 14*

### Psalm 45

My tongue is stirred by a noble theme  
as I recite my verses for the king.

Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

### Hymn 341

Crown him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns  
As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns  
For he is King of all.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 47	Ps 45	Ps 98	Ps 45	Ps 126	Ps 95
Eze 34:11-16, 23-24	Da 7:13-14	Jer 23:2-6	Isa 51:4-8	Rev 22:12-21	Nu 14:10-24
1 Co 15:20-28	Rev 1:4-8	Col 1:13-20	Rev 1:9-18	Mt 25:13-30	2 Pe 2:1-11
Mt 27:27-31	Jn 18:33-37	Lk 23:35-43	Jn 18:33-37	Lk 22:24-30	Lk 13:24-30

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Pr 14:19	2 Th 2:15	Ps 119:46	Heb 2:9	2 Ch 20:15-30	Lk 12:22-31
LC Cr:16	Ap IV:297	AC XXVI:4-17	SA III/I:11	Ap XII:83-84	Ap XXIV:67
WLS:2715	WLS:166	WLS:3605	WLS:1707	WLS:1167	WLS:5040
Ge 2:18-25	Mk 12:18-27	Ps 71:5-8	Ro 15:20	1 Ki 18:16-40	Ps 119:49-50
FC II:63-64	FC II:52-53	FC V:5-6	Ap XXIV:32	FC RN:4	FC III:30
WLS:4618	WLS:2608	WLS:2934	WLS:4682	WLS:3375	WLS:587
Eph 6:1-3	Ps 119:105-106, 108	Mic 3:5-12	Isa 49:6-7	Jn 8:31-32	Job 6:14-30
AC XXIII:1-9	LC Pre:3-4	FC XII:28, 30	FC VII:59	SA III/VIII:1-8	LC Bap:77-79
WLS:1616	WLS:4761	WLS:3545	WLS:537	WLS:3733	WLS:2453
1 Pe 4:1-6	Ps 119:33-37	Mt 3:1-12	Jer 32:37-41	2 Ti 2:14	Isa 27:2-5
SC TC:21-22	FC II:67	LC Cr:61-62	LC Bap:83	Ap XXIV:44-46	FC IX:3
WLS:2794	WLS:365	WLS:5089	WLS:3008	WLS:1202	WLS:4169

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

“Done with sin”—what a heart-relieving phrase that is! I cannot grasp, much less express, all that means to me. “Done with sin”—what a goal you have set for my life, O Lord! I have indeed spent enough time in the past in the pursuit of evil human desires. Give me your Spirit so that my future earthly life will match my future eternal life—“Done with sin.” Amen.

### **Student**

I do not want to be a “butterfingers.” I do not want to drop any of your teachings, O Spirit of truth. But I need something to start with. Before I make plans to hold on, lead me to grasp them in the first place. You have passed on your teachings through your Word. Open my eyes to see what is before me and open my hands to take them. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

You do not make changes just for the sake of change, and you have not changed me for my sake alone. I rejoice, O Lord, that you have given and continue to give me faith and hope and refuge in you. Make my a life a constant praise of you. Help me to declare your splendor at all times so that others might be changed, strengthened, enlightened, and renewed by you through my words. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

It is never enough, is it, Lord? It is always too small a thing to care only for the sheep and lambs you have called me to serve here. You also give me the universal command to make disciples of all nations. Keep my heart from viewing the mighty fortress which protects me as a prison to restrict me. Your salvation is for all people. Use me to share it with them. Amen.

### **Advocate**

When there is so much falsehood to fight against, how useless, stupid and destructive it is to quarrel about words! O Spirit, keep all logomachy out of my life. Help me to understand what others say, especially what they mean by the words they use. Give me wisdom, patience and love to speak the truth with kindness, compassion and clarity. Amen.

### **Counselor**

I have difficulties convincing people that worrying is sinful. When told that, some have actually said, “Now I am worried about the sin of worrying!” It just comes so naturally. It is so easy to fret, “What will I eat? What will I wear?” O Jesus, use me to show them that worrying accomplishes nothing and that it is really facing the future without faith. Then use me also to help them see that worrying is needless because you know what all need and have promised to give it. Lead me and my flock to seek your kingdom and righteousness first and to trust that you will supply us richly in our lives. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, and may you live to see your children’s children. Peace be upon Israel. Psalm 128:5-6*



## Mission Sunday

**Prayer** *Lord God, you have been merciful to me and have called me to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up my faith that I may confess the Savior and glorify his name before all people. Amen.*

**Confession** *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 1 John 1:10*

**Absolution** *This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28*

### Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine upon us,  
that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.  
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.  
Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### Hymn 572

Send forth, O Lord, to ev'ry place  
Swift messengers before your face,  
The heralds of your wondrous grace,  
Where you yourself will come.  
Since you have died, your vict'ry claim;  
Assert, O Christ, your glory's name;  
And far to lands of pagan shame  
Send men where you will come.  
Arm each one with the Spirit's sword,  
The sword of your own deathless Word,  
And make them conqu'rors, conqu'ring Lord,  
Where you yourself will come.

Series A	Series B	Series C	Historic	Synod. Conf.	Soll
Ps 67	Ps 67	Ps 67	Ps 67	Zep 3:8-17	Ps 98
Isa 62:1-7	Isa 62:1-7	Isa 62:1-7	Isa 60:1-6	Acts 16:9-15	Isa 43:1-7
Ro 10:11-17	Ro 10:11-17	Ro 10:11-17	Ro 15:23-33	Mt 9:35-38	1 Co 12:26-31
Lk 24:44-53	Lk 24:44-53	Lk 24:44-53	Mt 28:18-20	Mt 5:13-16	Lk 22:35-37

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Jn 9:18-23	Ps 84:1-4	Tit 2:1	Zec 9:9-13	2 Co 4:16-18	1 Ki 17:17-24
FC IV:10-12	SC TC:5-6	Ap XXIV:48	Ap XII:75-82	AC XXIII:24	FC V:11
WLS:4130	WLS:3161	WLS:2940	WLS:3938	WLS:2702	WLS:162
Jas 1:26-27	Ps 119:65-68	Mk 9:42	Jer 33:19-22	1 Co 4:17	Isa 30:19-22
Ap XXVII:36-37	AC XXVII:15-16	Ap IV:120-121	LC Cr:54-55	FC RN:9	AC XX:15-22
WLS:1579	WLS:4935	WLS:2595	WLS:1458	WLS:4483	WLS:2071
Ps 141:1-5	Pr 19:2	Ps 71:22-24	1 Jn 3:8	1 Ki 19:1-18	Mt 20:29-34
LC Sh Pre:1-6	Ap XXVIII:18-19	AC XIV	SA III/II:1-3	Ap Pre:10-16	Ap IV:43-47
WLS:1650	WLS:209	WLS:3578	WLS:1702	WLS:1166	WLS:3965
Isa 5:11-12	Heb 5:11-6:3	Ps 26:12	Mk 4:21-23	Ps 5:9-10	2 Ch 14:11
AC XIII:1-2	LC TC:100-102	FC 1:54	FC V:22	FC RN:19-20	Ap XXIV:67
WLS:4827	WLS:4362	WLS:2926	WLS:4564	WLS:1994	WLS:1099

## **Prayers**

### **Christian**

Dear Jesus, the relationship between parents and adult children is complicated and complex. I want to honor my parents, but I have to be my own person and sometimes my choices conflict with their choices. I am of age. I cannot just do whatever they think I should do, because I am responsible for my actions. Lead me to live the Christian training I received from them and to keep from bringing shame upon them. Help them also to see me as an adult. Make me a parent who treats his children that way too. Amen.

### **Student**

Times come when I want to study your Word for the sheer delight of it, O Lord. Times also come when I have to study it, not in joy, but in affliction. When I go astray you drive me into it by the troubles you send. I do not like to suffer, but I thank you for using such chastisement to make me burrow ever more deeply into the Bible. Send me what you know I need, O Lord, and then send me to your book of truth and comfort. Amen.

### **Proclaimer**

I am sure I could talk about myself all day long. I know this because I have talked about myself too much at times. O heavenly Father, please forgive me for Jesus' sake for all the times I have emphasized me. This is so wrong because I cannot redeem anyone--not even myself! Put "you" on my lips, in my songs, on my tongue and in my words. When I open my mouth, cause people to know you and your righteous acts. Amen.

### **Evangelist**

You have called me into a confidential ministry, O Holy Spirit. You require me to be trustworthy, to keep the secrets that your people reveal to me. But your secrets I dare not keep. Whatever you hide, you mean to be disclosed; whatever you concealed, to be brought into the open. Make the lamp of the gospel shine brightly through me to bring light to those who are dying in the darkness. Amen.

### **Advocate**

I will survive. I say that even though outwardly I am wasting away, even though no thinking person would accept it in this world of suffering and death, even though I have extra distress in my life because I have taken a stand for your truth, O Lord. I will survive because you renew me inwardly and you reassure me that all my troubles are light and momentary. Fix my eyes on what I cannot see, but what you surely promise. By your salvation in Christ cause me always to believe that I will survive. Amen.

### **Counselor**

The mighty forces your people face overwhelm them in their powerlessness, O Holy Spirit. How can anyone stand up to pain, abuse, addiction, rejection, temptation, despair and death? Who am I that they should turn to me for help? I will be there for them only and always because you are with me. There is no one like you to help the powerless. Cause me and them to rely on your name to prevail. You are our God and will still give us aid. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 2 Timothy 1:2*

## **The Apostles Creed**

- 1] I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- 2] I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
- 3] who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
- 4] born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
- 5] He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
- 6] From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- 7] I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
- 8] the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Nicene Creed**

- 1] We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- 2] We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
- 3] God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be- gotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
- 4] For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
- 5] For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
- 6] and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- 7] We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
- 8] We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
- 9] We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
- 10] We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Abbreviations

## Old Testament

Genesis	<b>Ge</b>
Exodus	<b>Ex</b>
Leviticus	<b>Lev</b>
Numbers	<b>Nu</b>
Deuteronomy	<b>Dt</b>
Joshua	<b>Jos</b>
Judges	<b>Jdg</b>
Ruth	<b>Ru</b>
1 Samuel	<b>1 Sa</b>
2 Samuel	<b>2 Sa</b>
1 Kings	<b>1 Ki</b>
2 Kings	<b>2 Ki</b>
1 Chronicles	<b>1 Ch</b>
2 Chronicles	<b>2 Ch</b>
Ezra	<b>Ezr</b>
Nehemiah	<b>Ne</b>
Esther	<b>Est</b>
Job	<b>Job</b>
Psalms	<b>Ps</b>
Proverbs	<b>Pr</b>
Ecclesiastes	<b>Ecc</b>
Song of Songs	<b>SS</b>
Isaiah	<b>Isa</b>
Jeremiah	<b>Jer</b>
Lamentations	<b>La</b>
Ezekiel	<b>Eze</b>
Daniel	<b>Da</b>
Hosea	<b>Hos</b>
Joel	<b>Joel</b>
Amos	<b>Am</b>
Obadiah	<b>Ob</b>
Jonah	<b>Jnh</b>
Micah	<b>Mic</b>
Nahum	<b>Na</b>

Habakkuk	<b>Hab</b>
Zephaniah	<b>Zep</b>
Haggai	<b>Hag</b>
Zechariah	<b>Zec</b>
Malachi	<b>Mal</b>

## New Testament

Matthew	<b>Mt</b>
Mark	<b>Mk</b>
Luke	<b>Lk</b>
John	<b>Jn</b>
Acts	<b>Acts</b>
Romans	<b>Ro</b>
1 Corinthians	<b>1 Co</b>
2 Corinthians	<b>2 Co</b>
Galatians	<b>Gal</b>
Ephesians	<b>Eph</b>
Philippians	<b>Php</b>
Colossians	<b>Col</b>
1 Thessalonians	<b>1 Th</b>
2 Thessalonians	<b>2 Th</b>
1 Timothy	<b>1 Ti</b>
2 Timothy	<b>2 Ti</b>
Titus	<b>Tit</b>
Philemon	<b>Phm</b>
Hebrews	<b>Heb</b>
James	<b>Jas</b>
1 Peter	<b>1 Pe</b>
2 Peter	<b>2 Pe</b>
1 John	<b>1 Jn</b>
2 John	<b>2 Jn</b>
3 John	<b>3 Jn</b>
Jude	<b>Jude</b>
Revelation	<b>Rev</b>

## Book of Concord

Apostles Creed	<b>ApCr</b>
Nicene Creed	<b>NiCr</b>
Athanasian Creed	<b>AtCr</b>
Augsburg Confession	<b>AC</b>
- Preface	<b>AC Pre</b>
Apology	<b>Ap</b>
- Preface	<b>Ap Pre</b>
Smalcald Articles	<b>SA</b>
- Preface	<b>SA Pre</b>
Treatise (Power and Primacy of the Pope)	<b>Tr</b>
Small Catechism	<b>SC</b>
- Preface	<b>SC Pre</b>
- Ten Commandments	<b>SC TC</b>
- Creed	<b>SC Cr</b>
- Lord's Prayer	<b>SC LP</b>
- Baptism	<b>SC Bap</b>
- Confession	<b>SC Con</b>
- Sacrament of Altar	<b>SC SoA</b>
Large Catechism	<b>LC</b>
- Preface	<b>LC Pre</b>
- Short preface	<b>LC Sh Pre</b>
- Ten Commandments	<b>LC TC</b>
- Creed	<b>LC Cr</b>
- Lord's Prayer	<b>LC LP</b>
- Baptism	<b>LC Bap</b>
- Sacrament of Altar	<b>LC SoA</b>
- Confession	<b>LC Con</b>
Formula of Concord	<b>FC</b>
- Introduction	<b>FC Int</b>
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