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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

I: In the name of the Father and of the \times Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,*
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away*
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

THE CATECHISM

Table of Duties

CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS, ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

P: What does the Bible say to parents?

C: **Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4**

P: What does the Bible say to children

C: **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Eph. 6:1-3**

THE READINGS

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| Sun | Sep 06 | 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33 |
| Mon | Sep 07 | 2 Kings 4:38-5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24 |
| Tue | Sep 08 | 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20 |
| Wed | Sep 09 | 2 Kings 6:1-23; Philippians 1:21-2:11 |
| Thu | Sep 10 | 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29; Philippians 2:12-13 |
| Fri | Sep 11 | 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21 |
| Sat | Sep 12 | 2 Chronicles 31:1-21; Philippians 4:1-23 |

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Blessing

I: May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

R: Amen

Welcome to Worship! Today's Psalm verse focuses our attention on one of God's attributes: "Your thoughts are very deep." God's ways are, indeed, above human logic. In the first reading, for example, after proclaiming judgment, God appoints Ezekiel to tell the Israelites that they can still return to Him. In the Epistle, Paul refers to governmental authorities as "instituted by God." That would have included the Emperor Nero and the Roman government that was persecuting Christians. In the Gospel Jesus tells His disciples that greatness in God's kingdom comes about through child-like humility. All of these seeming incongruities that bring us God's blessings come about because, truly, God's thoughts are very deep!