

**Say a prayer, send a card, or give a call**

**Please Pray For:**

*Lenora Allert,, Shelley Schuerman,*

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

14-John Hookstead, 16-Don Schuerman, 20-Marilyn Staude,  
21-Sandra White, 21-Lillian Baker, 23-Dalton Schuerman,  
26-Mary Ann Goodale

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

*12-Norm and Kathy Gerard*

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

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## **The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 13, 2020

### **ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

### **Apostle's Creed**

### **Psalm**

*Psalm 27:1-9; antiphon: v. 4a*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,\*

my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;\*

though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;\*

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."\*

My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
⁹Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,\*  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!

**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 Youth?

**C:** **Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6**

**P:** What does the Bible say to Widows?

**C:** **The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Tim. 5:5–6**

**THE READINGS**

Sun	Sep 20	Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16
Mon	Sep 21	Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16
Tue	Sep 22	Chronicles 34:1-4; Colossians 2:8-23
Wed	Sep 23	Chronicles 35:1-7; Colossians 3:1-25
Thu	Sep 24	Chronicles 36:1-23; Colossians 4:1-18
Fri	Sep 25	Malachi 11-14; Matthew 3:1-17
Sat	Sep 26	Malachi 2:1-3:5; Matthew 4:1-11

**THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:**

**O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and**

**grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Blessing**

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

**R: Amen**

**Welcome to Worship!** Today's readings point us toward the undeserved love and acceptance we receive from God for Jesus' sake. In the Gospel, laborers are given a full day's pay—even though they have worked only one hour! Paul sees his imprisonment tinged with God's grace so that "it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ." In the collect for the day, we pray, "Since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace." In the Old Testament reading, Isaiah reminds us that such grace is beyond human logic: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord."