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Please Pray For:

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3 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 119:97–104; antiphon: v. 99

MEM

⁹⁷Oh how I love your law!*

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,*
for it is ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,*
for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,*
for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,*
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your just decrees,*
for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,*
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding;*
therefore I hate every false way.

THE CATECHISM

The Apostles' Creed

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

- P:** ***The Third Article [SANCTIFICATION]*** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
What does this mean?
- C:** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

THE READINGS

Sun	Jan 03	Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40
Mon	Jan 04	Isaiah 63:15-65:7; Luke 2:41-52
Tue	Jan 05	Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20
Wed	Jan 06	Isaiah 66:1-20; Luke 3:21-38
Thu	Jan 07	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28; Romans 1:1-17
Fri	Jan 08	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11; Romans 1:18-32
Sat	Jan 09	Ezekiel 3:12-27; Romans 2:1-16

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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! "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." Today's readings remind us that God's Christmas gift is more than just a wish and greater than an idea. Jesus, the Son of God, is heavenly wisdom incarnate in real flesh and blood just like ours! In the Old Testament reading, Solomon asks God for wisdom, and God grants it to him. In the Gospel, however, One who is greater than Solomon has no need to ask God for wisdom, because "all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers!" In the Epistle Paul enumerates the gifts this all wise God-in-the-flesh brings: "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight." What a reason for joy! The God with all wisdom and insight is one of us!