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

Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Shelley Schuerman, ,

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

16-Don Schuerman, 20-Marilyn Staude, 21-Sandra White, 21-Lillian Baker

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12-Norm and Kathy Gerard

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L: In the name of the Father and of the \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit. R **Amen**

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 104:27-35; antiphon: v. 24

²⁷These all look to you,* to give them their food in due season.

²⁸When you give it to them, they gather it up;* when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;* when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,* and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;* may the LORD rejoice in his works,

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,* who touches the mountains and they smoke!

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;*
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,* for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!*

Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

THE CATECHISM

The Lord's Prayer AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

- **P:** <u>The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer</u> Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean?
- C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

THE READINGS

Sun	Sept 26	Malachi 2:1-3:5; Matthew 4:1-11
Мо	Sept 27	Malachi 3:6-4:6; Matthew 4:12-25
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Tue	Sept 28	Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Matthew 5:1-20
Wed	Sept 29	Deuteronomy 1:19-36; Matthew 5:21-48
Thu	Sept 30	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15;
		Matthew 6:1-15
Fri	Oct 01	Deuteronomy 2:16-37; Matthew 6:16-34
Sat	Oct 02	Deuteronomy 3:1-29; Matthew 7:1-12

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: Amen

Welcome to Worship! The word *passion* comes to mind as we look at today's readings. In the Old Testament reading, Joshua is passionately concerned that Eldad and Medad will receive honor that should go to Moses, because they are prophesying within the camp. In the Gospel, John is passionately concerned that a man not connected to Jesus is using Jesus' name without His permission to do so. In both cases Joshua and John learn that God honors human passion for Him and His works. In terms of who gets the honor for doing God's work, the Introit reminds us, "Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages." Because all honor goes to God, we can pray in the collect, "Direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do."