

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

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 103:1–13; antiphon: v. 8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

The Catechism **Asking a Blessing**

The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say:

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE READINGS

Sun	Feb 20	Job 15:1-23,30-35; John 6:60-71
Mon	Feb 21	Job 16:1-22; John 7:1-13
Tue	Feb 22	Job 17:1-16; John 7:14-31
Wed	Feb 23	Job 18:1-21; John 7:32-53
Thu	Feb 24	Job 19:1-12,21-27; John 8:1-20
Fri	Feb 25	Job 20:1-23,29; John 8:21-38
Sat	Feb 26	Job 21:1-21; John 8:39-59

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
Amen

Welcome to Worship! Baptism! We are Today's readings are tailor-made for a Sunday that falls close to Valentine's Day. They refer to *love*—but love of the super human variety! In today's Old Testament reading, Joseph forgives the brothers who sold him into slavery. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us about the standard of love that is required in the Kingdom of God—a standard to which *none* of us can attain. Where do we get the power to love like that? It begins as we die and rise again with Christ in our given the power to "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him..." [Introit]. We are emboldened to love others as recklessly as God has loved us, because we know there's *more* to our existence than *this life alone* [Epistle]. And even though that kind of love is *tough*, the Gospel reminds us there is great reward involved in loving. You too, will be known as a child of God. Love like *His* will never be in vain!

SAY A PRAYER, SEND A CARD, OR GIVE A CALL

Please Pray For:

Lenora Allert, Karen Lehmann, Linda Bahr

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

*01 Sam Ewert B, 06-Shelley Schuerman B, 27-Sтивен Ingwell B
27-Don and Shelley Schuerman A*

A short church council meeting will be held after the church service February 20, 2022. Church council attendees are congregational President, Vice-President, Secretary, Elder Board Chairman and Trustee's Board Chairman.