

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Sixth Week after Trinity

July 7, 2024, through June 30, 2024

Patristic Quote for the Week : **AMBROSIASTER (366-384AD):** Paul says this so that we might know that once we have been baptized we should no longer sin, since when we are baptized we die with Christ. This is what it means to be baptized into his death. For there all our sins die, so that, renewed by the death we have cast off, we might be seen to rise as those who have been born again to new life, so that just as Christ died to sin and rose again, so through baptism we might also have the hope of resurrection. Therefore, baptism is the death of sin so that a new birth might follow, which, although the body remains, nevertheless renews us in our mind and buries all our old evil deeds. COMMENTARY ON PAUL’S EPISTLES.¹

Life Thoughts-- The death Jesus died, He died “once for all” (Romans 6:10). He purchased “all.” Thus, He gives value to “all.” Every person we encounter, no matter their size or location or condition of health, is someone for whom Jesus died. Our responsibility is to acknowledge their value and lead them to see its true source. *Loving Savior, reflect Your self-giving mercy and devotion in us. Amen.*

Stewardship Thoughts-- Luke 16:8–9 – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.” The things of this world, including wealth, are merely tools. They can be used for good or ill. They can be squandered or used efficiently. How we use them will be determined by what is most important to us. What is most important to you in your life? Does the way you use the things of this world reflect that?

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Romans 6:3-4

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Read or Chant Psalm 19

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun., June 30	Gospel Lesson, Sixth Sunday after Trinity—Matthew 5:20-26	Exodus 20:1-17
Mon., July 1	The strong bear with the failings of the weak—Romans 14:1-15:3	1 Samuel 26:1-25
Tues., July 2	I will not speak of anything except...--Romans 15:14-33	1 Samuel 28:3-25
Wed, July 3	To the only wise God...--Romans 16:1-27	1 Samuel 31:1-13
Thurs, July 4	It pleased God through preaching to save—1 Corinthians 1:10-31	2 Samuel 1:1-27
Fri., July 5	We have the mind of Christ—1 Corinthians 2:1-16	2 Samuel 5:1-25
Sat., July 6	It is required of stewards that they be trustworthy—1 Corinthians 4:1-5:5	2 Samuel 6:1-23
Sun., July 7	Gospel Lesson, Seventh Sunday after Trinity—Mark 8:1-9	Genesis 2:7-17

¹ Bray, Gerald, ed. 1998. [*Romans \(Revised\)*](#). Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Pray the Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity:

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Personal Prayers and Petitions

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of the Week

All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall

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- 1

All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God’s wrath impends.
- 2

Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3

From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God’s image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav’nly goal.
- 4

But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.
- 5

As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6

We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs.
This grace our ev’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.

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Looking forward to Seventh Sunday after Trinity

July 14, 2024

HYMNS: 578, 819, 941, 727

Genesis 2:7-17

Romans 6:19-23

Mark 8:1-9