

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Fifth Week after Trinity

June 30, 2024, through July 7, 2024

Patristic Quote for the Week : **MAXIMUS OF TURIN** (d. 408-423): Ordinarily people are not given life on a boat but transported. Nor are they comforted on a vessel but anxious about its journey. Notice also that this boat is not a boat that is given to Peter to be piloted—rather, it is the church, which is committed to the apostle to be governed. For this is the vessel that does not kill but gives life to those borne along by the storms of this world as if by waves. Just as a little boat holds the dying fish that have been brought up from the deep, so also the vessel of the church gives life to human beings who have been freed from turmoil. Within itself, I say, the church gives life to those who are half-dead, as it were. SERMON 110.¹

Life Thoughts-- Sacrificing relatives or slaughtering rivals—either for their own good or for ours—results in no righteousness. God has chosen those we are tempted to treat as disposable for demonstrating the depths of His blessings (1 Corinthians 1:26-30). Patiently awaiting His salvation as humble companions reaps the great reward. Lamb of God, gather me in together with all Your little ones. Amen.

Stewardship Thoughts-- Luke 5:5 – “**And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’**” Here Peter’s words express both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s Word ... and acting on it.

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: 1 Peter 3:15

“In your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.”

Read or Chant Psalm 16

Day	Bible Stories for Daily Devotions	Second Reading
Sun., June 30	Gospel Lesson, Fifth Sunday after Trinity—Luke 5:1-11	1 Kings 19:11-21
Mon., July 1	Trust Him who justifies the ungodly.—Romans 4:1-25	1 Samuel 17:1-58
Tues., July 2	God shows his love for us—Romans 5:1-6:2	1 Samuel 18:1-21
Wed, July 3	As men who have been brought from death to life—Romans 6:12-14	1 Samuel 19:1-24
Thurs, July 4	Thanks be to God—Romans 7:1-25	1 Samuel 20:1-42
Fri., July 5	No condemnation for those who are in Christ—Romans 8:1-11	1 Samuel 22:1-23
Sat., July 6	No authority except from God—Romans 13:1-7	1 Samuel 24:1-22
Sun., July 7	Gospel Lesson, Sixth Sunday after Trinity—Matthew 5:20-26	Exodus 20:1-17

Pray the Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ Just, Arthur A., ed. 2005. [Luke](#). Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Personal Prayers and Petitions

Lord's Prayer

Hymn of the Week

“Come Follow Me,” The Savior Spake

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- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
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Looking forward to Sixth Sunday after Trinity

July 7, 2024

HYMNS: 717, 562, 596, 966

Exodus 20:1-17

Roman 6:1-11

Matthew 5:20-26