

Daily Prayers for the week of Christmas I – 12/20/2020

OPENING VERSICLES:

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

PSALMODY: Psalm 2 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 34; 19, 121; Mon: 2; 110, 111; Tues: 96; 132, 97; Wed: 93; 89;
Thurs: 98; 45, 96; Fri: 97; 99, 8; Sat: 48; 45, 29

DECEMBER HYMN: 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn: 382

CATECHISM:

What is the Fifth Petition?

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:33-40 ESV

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

CATECHESIS:

Forty days after our Lord's birth He was presented in the temple at the time of Mary's purification from childbirth. At this visit the holy family meets the aged Simeon who prophesies that having received the Lord's Christ he is now able to depart this life in peace. Simeon speaks of Christ's death when he tells Mary that a sword will pierce through her own soul. Simeon's song, the *Nunc Dimittis*, is sung by us at the conclusion of the reception of the Lord's Supper. As Simeon received the Lord Jesus at His presentation in the temple, so we receive the Lord Jesus in the

Lord's Supper and are prepared to "depart this life" according to God's will with the full assurance of sins forgiven "for [our] eyes have seen the Lord's salvation." The aged woman Anna, who had engaged in humble service in the temple for years, also rejoiced in the Lord's presentation and confessed Him to all who longed for redemption and salvation. Simeon and Anna give us a picture of what it is to be a Christian. We cling to Christ for salvation and boldly confess Him to the world in our vocation.

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us ✠ from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE WEEK:

Almighty and everlasting God : direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

BENEDICAMUS:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Looking ahead to Christmas II – 01/03/2021:

OT: Genesis 46:1-7 Ep: 1 Peter 4:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
Chief Hymn: 382 – We Praise You Jesus At Your Birth

Looking ahead to The Epiphany of our Lord – 01/06/2021:

OT: Isaiah 60:1-6 Ep: Ephesians 3:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
Chief Hymn: 395 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright