

Daily Prayers for the week of *Invocavit* – 02/21/2021

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.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 91 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 26, 27; 25; Mon: 30; 28, 29; Tues: 32; 31; Wed: 33; 34;  
Thurs: 35; 36; Fri: 37; 38; Sat: 40; 39, 41

FEBRUARY HYMN: 615 – When in the Hour of Deepest Need Hymn: 656

CATECHISM:

*What is the Office of the Keys?* **The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

*Where is this written?* **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. [John 20:22-23]**

*What do you believe according to these words?* **I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. <sup>4</sup> But he answered, It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

CATECHESIS:

During Lent, Christians return to their Baptism to drown the “Old Adam” in repentance and the “New Man” is given life through the Word of Jesus Christ. Adam fell into sin and death when he turned away from the Word of God that gave him life. When Jesus was tempted by Satan, Jesus used God's Word to defeat those attacks. God's Word is our sure defense from sin and every temptation. Christians rely on our Lord's promises and forgiveness through Christ. Jesus' ministry began with His temptation in the wilderness where He did not give into sin. This is done to fulfill all of the times that you fail in your own temptations. Jesus was subjected to Satan's temptation and resisted for you but Jesus also paid the price for your sins by dying on the cross and He gives you the credit for all of this for free.

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:

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer : and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:

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(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 *Reminiscere* (Lent II) – 02/28/2021:

OT: Genesis 32:22-32; Ep: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28  
Chief Hymn: 615 – When in the hour of deepest need