

Daily Prayers for the week of the Reformation – 10/31/2021

**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. Alleluia**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 46 and / or the psalms listed below**

Sun: 148; 149, 150; Mon: 1, 2; 3; Tues: 5; 4, 6; Wed: 8, 9; 7;  
Thurs: 10; 11, 12; Fri: 14, 15; 13; Sat: 18; 16, 17

**OCTOBER HYMN: 656 – A Mighty Fortress**

Hymn: 555

**CATECHISM:**

*What is the Second Article?*

**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.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:12-15 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

**RESPONSE:** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CATECHESIS:**

The kingdom of heaven has been coming into the world with violence. Wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, sinners are being brought into the Kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ and there is violence. The Old Adam is sentenced to death in the waters of Baptism, sinners are bought back from the kingdom of darkness and Satan becomes angered by it all. Wherever the Gospel is preached and wherever repentance is being worked in sinners, Satan will be close at hand to cause trouble and work against the Christian faith by challenging the claims of the Holy Gospel. Christians should expect such trouble from those inside and outside of the Christian Church. As it was in the days of John the Baptist when the multitudes

were being brought to faith, so it was in Luther's day and so it will be in our own day.

**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 God, heavenly Father : pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's church Militant Thy saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the 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 All Saints' – 11/07/2021:**

Rev 7:2-17;

1 Jn 3:1-3;

Matt 5:1-12;

Hymn: 677 – For all the Saints