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At the Family Altar With Great Boldness
Prayer in the Home with Resources for Praying for Missions
from The Worship Committee of Lutheran Church-Canada, East District

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that **with all boldness** and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father (Small Catechism. Lord's Prayer. Introduction).

Praying to Almighty God is as simple as talking to a loving father. The only-begotten Son of God became man to share our nature and become our brother (Luke 8:21). Through Holy Baptism we become the children of God in whom He is well pleased (Matthew 3:17; Romans 6:3-4). Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross to cleanse us so that we may come before God with prayers and thanksgiving. "Let us therefore come **boldly** to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

Our daily devotions carry over from the Divine Service on Sunday. They provide a connection for us as we live in both the kingdom of this world and the Kingdom of Christ. For this reason, our daily devotions will contain many of the elements of our Sunday morning worship. In the Small Catechism's Daily Prayers, Dr. Martin Luther included the sign of the holy cross; the invocation; the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

The proper worship of God is centred on God's Word. We listen before we speak and when we speak it is in accord with what we have heard from God, even repeating what He has given us to say. In this way our prayers are most sure and certain.

This booklet contains resources to direct you **With Great Boldness to Call On His Name**. At your family altar we encourage you to make use of the resources the Church has firmly established. You will find many of them in your hymnal. The Offices of Matins and Morning Prayer are suitable for the morning and the Offices of Vespers and Evening Prayer for the evening. Compline is suitable for Prayer at the Close of the Day. In addition we offer the following order of prayer based on the instructions for Daily Prayer in the Small Catechism. We also provide a list of readings and prayers focussed on proclaiming the Word of God in the world.

While outreach should not be your only topic of daily devotion, neither should you neglect to expand on the 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come." We suggest you make use of these resources periodically in your regular cycle of daily prayer.

An Order for Daily Prayer at the Family Altar

The sign of the holy cross should be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

Psalm verses

Scripture Reading

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. On 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 shall come again to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And 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

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

Other Prayers

Concluding Prayer

Morning

I thank You my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. And I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, My body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

Evening

I thank You my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. And I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

The Lord Almighty bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

Hymn

For Profitable Use of the Word

Most merciful God, You want everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant, we implore You, that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given the wisdom that leads to salvation. By Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path, that neither the pleasures nor the honours nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the life which is to be found only in relationship with You. Enable us with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only true God. Grant that all who are in error, doubt, or temptation may be enlightened by Your holy Word with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth and that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering great distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them experience the rich comfort of Your holy Word. We commit ourselves and all our fellow men to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and do not withdraw Your saving health from us. Defend us by Your power and direct us by Your Spirit, that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Saviour until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For the 2nd Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For the 3rd Sunday of Easter

O almighty and eternal God, now that You have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For a Mission Festival

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You reconciled us to Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Resources for Daily Prayer for Outreach

For Those in Distress

Keep in remembrance, o Lord, the tempted, the distressed, and the erring; gently guide them and by Your great goodness bring them into the way of peace and truth. Let the light of Your truth shine on those who do not know You that they may be turned toward You and so find peace. Graciously regard all who are in trouble, danger, temptation, bondage of sin, and those to whom death draws near. In Your mercy draw them to yourself; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Missionary Work

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Seminaries and Church Colleges

O God, Source of all abiding knowledge, through Word and Spirit You both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You draw to Your service. Therefore look with favour on the seminaries and colleges of the Church, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that they may apply themselves with ready diligence to Your will and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Those Who Have a Particular Responsibility in the Church

Lord of the Church, in whose name all who oversee and serve Your flock have been called, grant Your servants all the gifts necessary to the godly administration of their duties, for the up-building of Your Church and the glory of Your name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

For Blessing on the Word

O Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is spoken throughout Your Church. Make it a Word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to faith. Let not our foolish and unworthy hearts rob us of the continuing gift of Your precious love, but pardon our sin and complete what You have begun in us. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, for the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as the rain makes the earth to bud and flourish, so also Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Psalm Verses

Luke 1:46-55
Luke 1:67-79
Luke 2:29-32
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Psalm 22:22-31
Psalm 24
Psalm 36:5-10
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Psalm 100
Psalm 105:1-6
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Psalm 117
Psalm 138
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Psalm 147: 1-12

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-8
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
1 Samuel 3:1-10
2 Kings 5:1-14
Isaiah 2:1-5
Isaiah 6
Isaiah 9:1-4
Isaiah 12
Isaiah 45:22-25
Isaiah 49:1-13
Isaiah 52:7-10
Isaiah 55
Isaiah 58:5-9a
Isaiah 60:1-6
Isaiah 60:9-22
Isaiah 61:1-11
Isaiah 62:1-12
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Jeremiah 31:10-13
Jonah 3
Matthew 1:18-25
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Matthew 20:1-16
Mark 1:14-20
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Mark 12:1-12
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Luke 1:39-45
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Luke 2:25-38
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Luke 24:1-12
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Luke 24:33-49
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Acts 5:17-42
Acts 6:8-7:60
Acts 8:26-40
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Acts 10:24-48
Romans 1:16-17
Romans 5:6-11
Romans 10:11-17
Romans 16:25-27
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Galatians 4:4-7
Ephesians 2:4-10
Ephesians 3:5-14
Philippians 4:4-7
Titus 3:3-7
1 John 1:1-5
1 John 5:1-5

PRAYERS

For the Holy Ministry

Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does great wonders, send down on Your ministers and on the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, and that they may truly please You, pour on them the continual dew of Your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Divine Guidance and Assistance

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with You most gracious favour, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For the Return of the Wayward and Erring

Almighty, merciful, and most gracious God and Father, we earnestly implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, those who have wandered from it or are in doubt or temptation through the corruption of Your truth; mercifully visit them and turn them again that in singleness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Unity of Faith

O God, whose infinite love restores to the right way all those who err, gathers the scattered and preserves those whom You have gathered, of Your tender mercy pour out on Your Christian people the grace of unity that, all schisms being healed, Your flock, gathered to the true Shepherd of Your Church, may serve You in all faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Our Enemies

O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. Therefore we earnestly beseech You that by Your gracious visitation our enemies may be led to true repentance, may have the same love toward us as we have toward them, and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For the Increase of the Holy Ministry

O Lord, the God of all grace, as You have called Your Church to minister in the name of Your only-begotten Son, our great High Priest, so by Your Word and Spirit inspire men's hearts and minds to offer themselves for the sacred ministry that, ministering in the name of Christ, they may draw many to Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

From the General Prayer of the Church

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all the children of men, we give You humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings which without any merit or worthiness on our part You have bestowed on us. We praise You especially that You have preserved for us Your saving Word and the holy sacraments. And we implore You, O Lord, to grant and preserve to Your holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all who hear the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send labourers into Your harvest, and open the door of faith to those who do not know You. IN mercy remember the enemies of Your Church, and grant them repentance to life. Protect and defend your Church in all tribulation and danger. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ, and help us to fight the good fight of faith that in the end we may receive the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For the Catechumens

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these catechumens, and You have blessed their instruction and training in Your Word. We implore You to pour out Your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere You, confess their faith with joy and boldness, endeavour to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

For Peace

Heavenly Father, God of peace and harmony, You would have Your children on earth live together in peace and quietness. We implore You to frustrate the plans of all evil men who would stir up violence and strife; spoil the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed; and according to Your will, end all wars in the world. Teach us to examine our own hearts so that we may realize their natural depravity and inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Lead us to confess the truth of Your Word that from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fightings among us. Help us by Your Word and Spirit to crucify our flesh and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that, to the best of our ability, we may be at peace with all men. Above all, we ask You to fill our hearts with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which alone can give to sinful men that peace which is far beyond understanding, and which can make them love peace and harmony. Help us ever to remember the Word of our Saviour: Blessed are those who work for peace; God will call them His children. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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