

LENT

LITURGY FOR FAMILY PRAYER

INVOCATION: (The sign of the cross may be made by all)

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY: THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Our Father, Who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him with all boldness and confidence, as children ask their dear father.

Ash Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

The Giving of the Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:1-15

Abraham Prays for Sodom – Genesis 18:16-33

Adopted by God – Romans 8:15-16

WEEK OF LENT 1

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be holy among us also.

How is God's name hallowed?

God's name is kept holy when His Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God live holy lives according to it. This grant us, dear Father in heaven! But he who teaches and lives otherwise than the Word of God teaches dishonors God's name among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father!

Monday	Satan Tempts Jesus to Worship Him – Matthew 4:1-11
Tuesday	Letting Your Light Shine – Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	Jesus is Blasphemed & Accused of Blasphemy – Matthew 26:59-68
Thursday	Peter Denies Jesus – Matthew 26:69-75
Friday	A Manner Worthy of Your Calling – Ephesians 4:1

WEEK OF LENT 2

Thy Kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes of itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

The kingdom of God comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Monday	The Kingdom of God: Christ as the Stronger Man – Luke 11:14-28
Tuesday	Born from Above into the Kingdom – John 3:1-15
Wednesday	My Kingdom Is Not of this World – John 18:33-37
Thursday	The Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Friday	Transferred into His Kingdom – Col. 1:13-14

WEEK OF LENT 3

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

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is certainly done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil counsel and will which would not let us hallow His name nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until our end. This is His good and gracious will.

Monday

The Canaanite Woman – Matthew 15:21-28

Tuesday

Satan's Temptations Strengthen Job's Faith – Job 1:8-22

Wednesday

Pilate Does the Will of the People – Luke 23:20-25

Thursday

Jesus Prays: Thy Will Be Done – Matthew 26:36-39

Friday

Evil Meant for Good – Genesis 50:15-21

WEEK OF LENT 4

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to acknowledge this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything needed for this life, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, cattle, money, goods, God-fearing spouse and children, faithful servants and rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

Monday

Enough Bread for the 5,000 – John 6:1-15

Tuesday

God Takes Care of Every Living Thing – Psalm 145:15-16

Wednesday

Jesus' Food is to Finish the Work – John 4:31-34 & John 19:28-30

Thursday

Do Not Worry About Tomorrow – Matthew 6:25-34

Friday

"Daily Bread" – Proverbs 30:8-9; John 6:35

WEEK OF LENT 5

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 upon our sins, nor on their account deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it. But we pray that He would give us everything by grace, for we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment; and we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

Monday	The Jews Convict Jesus of Sin – John 8:46-59
Tuesday	How Many Times? – Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-22
Wednesday	“Father, Forgive Them” – Luke 23:33-34
Thursday	The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant – Matthew 18:23-35
Friday	Forgive Others/Confession & Absolution – 1 John 1:8-9

HOLY WEEK

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God certainly tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our own flesh may not deceive us nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome and retain the victory.

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil of body and soul, property and honor; and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Holy Monday	The Temptation of Eve – Genesis 3:1-13
Holy Tuesday	Joseph Overcomes Temptation – Genesis 39:1-20
Holy Wednesday	The LORD Tested Abraham – Genesis 22:1-19
Maundy Thursday	Jesus’ Disciples Fall into Temptation in Gethsemane – Luke 22:39-46
Good Friday	Jesus’ Evil Death Is Our Greatest Good – John 19:30 & Luke 23:45-47
Holy Saturday	Delivered from the Fiery Furnace – Daniel 3:8-30

EASTER

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

What does "Amen" mean?

Amen means that we should be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen: that is, Yes, Yes, it shall be so.

Easter Monday	God's 'Yes' or 'Amen' is the Resurrection – 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Easter Tuesday	God's Faithfulness Endures Forever – Psalm 100
Wednesday	We Know God's Promises are True Because of the Resurrection – Acts 10:34-43
Thursday	Jesus Shows Proof – Luke 24:36-48
Friday	All Glory to God – 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

To Catechists / Parents:

We have been faithful in reading Scripture and my catechumen /
child has learned by heart the catechism texts for this season:

(Sign and return to pastor after this season)



O Lord and Ruler of the `hosts of heaven, /
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their `righteous offspring:
 You made the heav`ens and the earth, /
 with all `their vast array.
 All things quake with fear `at your presence; /
 they tremble because `of your power.
 But your merciful promise is be`yond all measure; /
 it surpasses all that our `minds can fathom.
 O Lord, you are full `of compassion, /
 long-suffering, and abound`ing in mercy.
 You `hold back your hand; /
 you do not punish `as we deserve.
 In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgive`ness to sinners, /
 that they may repent of their `sin and be saved.
 And now, O Lord, I bend the `knee of my heart, /
 and make my appeal, sure of your `gracious goodness.
 I have sinned, O Lord, `I have *sinned*, /
 and I know my wickedness `only too well.
 Therefore I make this `prayer to you: /
 Forgive me, `Lord, forgive me.
 Do not let me per`ish in my sin, /
 nor condemn me to the `depths of the earth.
 For you, O Lord, are the God of `those who repent, /
 and in me you will show` forth your goodness.
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with `your great mercy, /
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the `days of my life.
 For all the powers of heaven `sing your praises, /
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. `A-men.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

MORNING

The Lord Almighty order this day
 and all our doings in His † peace. **Amen.**

EVENING

The almighty and most merciful Lord, the
 Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit bless
 and preserve us.

Amen.