**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Gaudete (Third Sunday in Advent) December 12, 2021*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

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

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Verse:** Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 125**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Gaudete Gospel – Luke 7:18-28** |
| Monday | Gabriel Appears to Zachariah – Luke 1:5-25 |
| Tuesday | Annunciation of Our Lord – Luke 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday | **Advent Midweek 3 – Isaiah 19:23-25** |
| Thursday | Christ’s Birth Is Foretold to Joseph – Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Friday | The Visitation – Luke 1:39-56 |
| Saturday | Sunday OT Micah 5:2-5a |

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| **Catechism: Seventh Petition and Conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| The Seventh Petition:  But deliver us from evil | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We pray in this petition, in summary that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven. | 2nd + |
| The Conclusion:  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever. Amen | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.” | 3rd + |