# Congregation at Prayer + The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord +

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. *Matthew* 28:19

**L** O + Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

**L** Make haste, O + God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

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. Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.

#### Psalm(s)

<u>Hymn</u>

#### **Learn-By-Heart Scripture**

#### Additional Readings from Holy Scripture

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Learn-By-Heart Catechism

**L**ord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Mark 10:47

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

## **Prayer of the Week**

Morning Prayer

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 and 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 Prayer

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103:1]

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

G Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

#### The Word Became Flesh

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer For the Week of December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>

# <u>Learn-By-Heart Scripture...</u>

John 1:14

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

### Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Creed

# The Third Article - Sanctification

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.

#### What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

# Daily Readings...

Monday (12/26): Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday (12/27): Isaiah 51:17-52:12; Matthew 2:1-12

Wednesday (12/28): Isaiah 52:13-54:10; Matthew 2:13-23

*Thursday* (12/29): Isaiah 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25

Friday (12/30) Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday (12/31): Isaiah 60:1-22; Luke 1:39-56

Sunday (1/1): Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80

# Prayer of the Week...

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm of the Week...

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Hymn of the Week... "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Looking Forward to Next Week... ~ Circumcision and Name of Jesus~

Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 2:21