

**R: May those who love Your salvation always say, Let God be exalted.**

V: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

**R: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

V: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

**R: Listen to my cry for mercy.**

The Collect

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church, and because she cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In our prayers: Pastor, Kimberly Simone, Jack Kaiser, Jerry Gullet

Luther's Evening Prayer (prayed together)

**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 wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

V: Let us bless the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

V: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, + and bring us to everlasting life.

**R: Amen.**

Looking Forward to Next Week

**7<sup>th</sup> September - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

OT Lesson: 1 Kings 17: 17- 24

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3: 13- 21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7: 11- 17

Sermon: Uncomfortably Close?

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

August 31-September 6, 2008

The Church Calendar

**August 31 – Aidan, Missionary, Abbot, Bishop of Lindisfarne**

The Gospel first came to the northern English in 627, When King Edwin of Northumbria was converted by a mission from Canterbury led by Bishop Paulinus, who established his see at York. Edwin's death in battle in 632 was followed by a severe pagan reaction. A year later, Edwin's exiled nephew Oswald gained the kingdom, and proceeded at once to restore the Christian mission.

During his exile, Oswald had lived at Columba's monastery of Iona, where he had been converted and baptized. Hence he sent to Iona, rather than to Canterbury, for missionaries. The first monk to preach was a man named Cormac, who had no success, and complained that the Northumbrians were a savage and unteachable race. A young monk named Aidan responded, "Perhaps you were too harsh with them, and they might have responded better to a gentler approach." At this, Aidan found himself appointed to lead a second expedition to Northumbria. He centered his work, not at York, but in imitation of his home monastery, on Lindisfarne, an island off the northeast coast of England, now often called Holy Isle.

With his fellow monks and the English youths whom he trained, Aidan restored Christianity in Northumbria, King Oswald often serving as his interpreter, and extended the mission through the midlands as far south as London

Aidan died at the royal town of Bamborough, 31 August, 651. The historian Bede said of him: "He neither sought nor loved anything of this world, but delighted in distributing immediately to the poor whatever was given him by kings or rich men of the world."

**Collect:** O loving God, who didst call thy servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and didst endow him with gentleness, simplicity, and strength: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, following his example, may use what thou hast given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever.

## The Daily Office

V: O Lord, open my lips;

**R: and my mouth will declare your praise**

V: Make haste, O God, to + deliver me;

**R: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: 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, world without end. Amen.**

Daily Psalms: (Use either or both)

Su-103/117; Mo-5/84; Tu-42/102; We-89:1-18/1; Th-97/16;

Fri-51/142; Sa-104/118

### The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	1 Kings 16:29-17:24	2 Cor. 9:1-15	2 Cor. 10:1-13:13
Mon	1 Kings 18:1-19	Eph. 1:1-23	FC SD 4:1-12
Tue	1 Kings 18:20-40	Eph. 2:1-22	FC SD 4:13-28
Wed	1 Kings 19:1-21	Eph. 3:1-21	1 Kng. 20:1-22:53
Thu	2 Kings 2:1-18	Eph. 4:1-24	FC SD 4:29-40
Fri	2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7	Eph. 4:25-5:14	FC SD 5:1-13
Sat	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Eph. 5:15-33	FC SD 5:14-27

### The Catechism – The Lord’s Prayer

**4. 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 at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

Hymn: LW 334 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord’s Prayer (prayed together)

**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.**

### The Creed (confessed by all)

**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.**

### The Litany

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

**R: And let my cry come to You.**

V: In the day of my trouble I call to you

**R: For You answer me.**

V: Hide Your face from my sins.

**R: And blot out all my iniquity.**

V: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**R: And renew a right spirit within me.**

V: Do not cast me away from Your presence.

**R: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

V: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

**R: And uphold me with a willing Spirit.**

V: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life.

**R: My lips shall praise You**

V: Because You have been my help.

**R: Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.**

V: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth.

**R: Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name.**

V: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.

**R: I will glorify Your name forever.**

V: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.