

#### Pastor's Post #4

Daily prayer, daily prayer as a believer in Christ, here's some suggestions.

You may begin your prayers with the words: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Then, a confession of our sins:.

"O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Amen."

(Divine Service Setting Three. Lutheran Service Book. Concordia Publishing House. St. Louis, Missouri. 2006. Page 184.)

Next, read these verses from God's Word to assure you of the great forgiveness and rescue and salvation that Christ earned for you:

"The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

"In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

Then, you may use Luther's 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."

Include your family members and others within your prayer.

You may decide to read a section of God's Word or a part of the Catechism or a devotion (from "Portals of Prayer").

Finally, close your prayers with the 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."

These are merely suggestions. Hope they are helpful to you.

The Lord bless and keep you and your family.  
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