

## Responsive Prayer for Catechesis

L. Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,  
C. have mercy and hear us.

### *1. The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance*

**You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
    or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,  
    or anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,  
    punishing the children for the sin of the fathers  
    to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,  
    but showing love to a thousand generations  
    of those who love Me and keep My commandments."**

### *2. The Apostles' Creed Preaches the Faith*

**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.**

### *3. The Lord's Prayer Preaches the Holy Life*

**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.



**Psalm 73:1-6**

1 Truly God is good to Isra-el,  
 To such as are pure in heart.  
**2 But as for me, my feet had al-most stum-bled;**  
**My steps had nearly slipped.**  
 3 For I was envious of the boast-ful,  
 When I saw the prosperity of the wick-ed.  
**16 When I thought how to un-der-stand this,**  
**It was too pain-ful for me—**  
 17 Until I went into the sanctu-ar-y of God;  
 Then I un-der-stood their end.  
**24 You will guide me with Your coun-sel,**  
**And afterward receive me to glo-ry.**  
 25 Whom have I in heav-en but You?  
 And there is none upon earth that I de-sire be-sides You.  
**26 My flesh and my heart fail;**  
**But God is the strength of my heart and my por-tion for-ev-er.**  
 27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall per-ish;  
 You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlot-ry.  
**28 But it is good for me to draw near to God;**  
**I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may de-clare all Your**  
**works.**  
 Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,  
 And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.  
 As it was in the be-gin-ning,  
 Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

L. The Lord be with you.  
 C. And with your spirit.  
 L. Let us pray.

*Various petitions based on the reading just expounded.*  
 --*Confession* of our sins and sinfulness.  
 --*Requests* for things that we now know we need.

--*Praise and Thanksgiving* for who God is and what He has done.

--*The final petition*

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptations, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, Who are blessed, and dost govern all things throughout the ages. Through Thy mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

[Oremus, p.105]

L. Let us bless the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

L. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C. Amen.**

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*Guard your steps when you  
go to the house of God.*



The house of God, or the temple, was instituted ... for the purpose of preaching, so that there would be a gathering of the people of God there to listen to the Word from their God. ... For every Word of God, whether it deals with the peace of conscience or with external peace, is followed by offense. ... In sum, the Word is an offense and foolishness to the flesh.... But if you want to avoid all offenses, turn yourself over to the Word and work of God, putting aside and casting away all your own thoughts and counsels. Let yourself be spoken to, prick up your ears, and come close to listen." For in all the affairs of man and God our way is never safe unless we turn ourselves over completely to the Word and work of God and take our stand on it without any debate about it in our mind"  
(Luther's Works, v.15, p.75).

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