

# 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 Tone II – Psalm 26:6-12**



I WILL || wash my hands in | in-no- · | cence; \*  
So I will go about Your al- | tar, | O | Lord,  
|| 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanks- | giv- | ing,\*  
And tell of all Your | won- | drous | works.  
|| 8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your | house, | - \*  
And the place where Your | glo- | ry | dwells.  
|| 9 Do not gather my soul with | sin- | ners, \*  
Nor my life with blood- | thirs- | ty | men,  
|| 10 In whose hands is a sinister | scheme, | - \*  
And whose right hand is | full | of | bribes.  
|| 11 But as for me, I will walk in my in- | te-gri- · | ty; \*  
Redeem me and be merci- | ful | to | me.  
|| 12 My foot stands in an even | place; | - \*  
In the congregations I will | bless | the | Lord.

**GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - \*  
 and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;  
 AS IT || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: \*  
 world without | end. | 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*

**O GOD, Who makes the unworthy worthy, sinners righteous, impure pure: Work in me true repentance for my sins and misdeeds, for my daily and countless transgressions. Through faith in Thy Son, make me worthy to receive the sacrament of Thy Son's Body and Blood for the cleansing of my soul and body of all shame and sin; through Him Who offered Himself to Thee, O God Father, the perfect propitiatory Sacrifice, Who is our sinless and only Mediator, through the High Priest, Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son. Amen.**

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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no inequality or discrimination among persons, but one is like the next— man or woman, young or old, learned or unlearned, noble or ignoble, prince or peasant, master or servant, major or minor saint. There is only one kind of Christ and one kind of faith. The sun in the heavens is the same toward everyone. It shines on a peasant as well as on a king, on a blind man as well as on a man with sharp vision, on a sow in the street as well as on the loveliest woman on earth. It shines on a thorn no less than on a rose, on a clod no less than on a purple robe. The same sun shines on the poorest beggar and on the greatest king or emperor. (Luther's Works, v.21, p.285).

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**The  
 Luther  
 Bible  
 1534: The  
 Gospel of  
 St.  
 Matthew,  
 #585**

### **The Sermon on the Mount by Dr. Martin Luther**

First of all, it must be maintained that faith or being a Christian is quite distinct from its fruit, as I have often said. So far as being a Christian and bearing the Christian name is concerned, one is no different from the other; everyone has an identical treasure and the identical possessions. The Baptism of St. Peter is no different or better than that of St. Paul, and the Baptism of a child born yesterday is no less a Baptism than that of St. John the Baptist or St. Peter and all the apostles. Nor do they have any different or better Christ than the most insignificant Christian.

Now, from this perspective, no merit or distinction means a thing. The most insignificant Christian receives the same body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament; and when he listens to the Gospel, he is listening to the same Word of God that Peter and Paul listened to and preached. Similarly, no saint can pray a different Our Father or a better one, or confess a different Creed, or recite a different Decalog from what is my daily prayer and every child's. This is so obvious that anyone can understand and comprehend it. In that which entitles us to the name "Christian" there is  
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