

# 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 119:17-24**

<sup>17</sup>Deal bountifully with Your ser-vant,  
That I may live and keep Your word.  
-- <sup>18</sup>O-pen my eyes,  
that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.  
<sup>19</sup>I am a stran-ger in the earth;  
Do not hide Your com-mand-ments from me.  
<sup>20</sup>My soul breaks with long-ing  
For Your judg-ments at all times.  
<sup>21</sup>You re-buke the proud—the cursed,  
Who stray from Your com-mand-ments.  
<sup>22</sup>Remove from me re-proach and con-tempt,  
For I have kept Your tes-ti-mo-nies.  
<sup>23</sup>Princes also sit and speak a-gainst me,  
But Your servant meditates on Your sta-tutes.



<sup>24</sup>Your testimonies al-so are my de-light  
 And my coun-se-lors.  
**Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, \***  
**And to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.**  
 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 peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord**  
**Peace in our time, oh, send us!**  
**For there is none on earth but you,**  
**None other to defend us.**  
**You only, Lord, can fight for us.** (10<sup>th</sup> century antiphon)

**O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed, give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended by you, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.** [For Peace, p.129]

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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“GRANT PEACE IN MERCY, LORD, WE PRAY”

[*Da pacem Domine*]  
 1528/29?

The Latin antiphon “*Da pacem Domine in diebus nostris*” (“Give Peace, Lord, in Our Time”) is recorded as early as the tenth century. Luther’s translation appears in Rauscher’s hymnal of 1531 and was most likely also included in the lost Klug hymnal of 1529. In 1528 the Turks were pressing against the bastions of the West, and Luther called on young and old to overcome the enemy by the fervency of their prayer. It was evidently for this purpose that he furnished a chorale-like version of the traditional antiphon. Perhaps he also arranged the melody. Only the first line bears a faint similarity to the traditional plain chant; the rest is more strongly reminiscent of the melody to “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” and the Ambrosian hymn “Come, the Heathen’s Healing Light,” on which the former is based. This hymn was often appended to “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” and sung after the sermon.

Our transcription of the music follows Klug’s Wittenberg hymnal of 1533. The German text, “*Verley uns frieden gnediglich,*” is given in WA 35, 458; the melody is given in WA 35, 521. The translation is by the editor.

(Luther’s Works, v. 53 p.285).

Also see Lutheran Worship, #219.