

Congregation at Prayer
✠ The Festival of the Holy Trinity ✠

A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
For the Week of May 27th to June 2nd

Humility in Receiving...
Responsive Prayer 2, *Lutheran Service Book* p.285

Catechesis Notes for the Week...

In grade school we learned about *taxonomy*. Taxonomy is an order for classification. At least in creation, the taxonomy we learn in science class is: *kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, species*. Kingdom is the most general category—for instance, the animal kingdom. Species is the most specified of all—humans are called *homo sapiens*: *homo* being our genus, *sapiens* being our species. In this taxonomy, it would be utterly nonsense to say *Homo Sapiens* are more important than or superior to *the animal kingdom*. Taxonomy is a way of ordering, not for importance or preference, but an order of one being subject to the other.

There is also a taxonomy, or *order* for people. We've already seen that wives are to be *subject to* their husbands. This wasn't because husbands are of greater importance or worth than wives, but because this is the *order* that God has created for His gifts to flow. Gifts given, gifts received.

The same goes for youth. St. Peter says,

“Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders” (1 Pet 5:5).

This doesn't mean that youth are any less important than adults, or that God doesn't like them as much. It simply means that this is the order by which God wants to give His gifts to us. Elders provide for the youth by passing on wisdom, among many other things. Youth are rightly subject to elders so as to receive from them. All of this is found already in the commandment, *“Honor your father and your mother.”*

Added to this is *humility*. It is a humble thing to be given to. Wives humble themselves before their husbands when the husband provides. Sons and daughters humble themselves before their parents when they receive clothing and shelter. Youth humble themselves before their elders when they learn from them. All of this humility is good—for the church humbles herself before the Lord when she receives forgiveness.

Widows are commended for their constant prayers and fervent hope that in all humility, they too will be given to by God.

Lastly, there are two words for everyone: to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to be constant in prayer for all. These come together because prayer is the very best thing we can do for ourselves and our neighbors!

Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

For From Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

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To Youth

1 Peter 5:5-6

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

To Widows

1 Timothy 5:5-6

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

To Everyone

Romans 13:9

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Timothy 2:1

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

Daily Readings...

Monday (5/27): Ecclesiastes 4:1-16; John 7:32-53

Tuesday (5/28): Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:1-20

Wednesday (5/29): Ecclesiastes 6:1-7:10; John 8:21-38

Thursday (5/30): Ecclesiastes 7:11-29; John 8:39-59

Friday (5/31): Ecclesiastes 8:1-17; John 9:1-23

Saturday (6/1): Ecclesiastes 9:1-17; John 9:24-41

Sunday (6/2): Ecclesiastes 10:1-20; John 10:1-21

Prayer of the Week...

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm of the Week...

Psalm 16

Hymn of the Week...

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity” 876

Looking Forward to Next Week...

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10