



20th October 2019  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – PROPER 24  
God watches over us



SHARE  
Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

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Who do you turn to when you're in trouble? Why?

2

Jesus taught us that God never gets sick of hearing our prayers, even when we ask for the same things over and over again. What need are you asking God to meet at the moment?



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow
M	Mark 10:46-52	An example of persistence
T	2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5	Remain faithful
W	Matthew 15:21-28	The faith of a Canaanite woman
T	James 5:13-18	The prayer of faith
F	Jeremiah 31:27-34	I will be their God
S	Psalms 121	My help comes from the Lord
S	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord God, teach us to always seek you and to never give up. Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life.

Sundays after Pentecost

**GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

## Creative Response

Luke 18:7 talks of God's people crying out to him 'day and night.' Prayer each morning and evening gives spiritual bookends to our home life. As a household devotional practice for this week use Martin Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers each day.

### MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, heavenly Father, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day, too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

### EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, heavenly Father, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive all my sins and the wrong which I have done. And graciously keep me this night. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

### mealtime prayer

Lord, in your name we drink and sup; teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day, and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

verse for the week

The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

PSALM 121:7-8

## Service



Jesus told a parable about a woman who was persistent with the judge in her town until he gave in and listened. Sometimes God calls us to be persistent in our lives too. Think of ways you might need to persist for the good of someone you know. Perhaps this is in prayer. Perhaps this is continuing to show kindness. Perhaps this is in serving the needs of someone else. Set a goal to 'persist' in this good way this week.