

Letter 487: [24 August 1532, Strasbourg], Martin Bucer to Capito and his Colleagues

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[*Summary*]: Bucer informs his colleagues of the council's decision to hold a day of prayer on [31 August 1532] rather than on [28 August], as originally planned. The *Ammeister* [Hans Lindenfels] asks the preachers to announce this to their congregations in their sermons and encourage the faithful to pray with penitent hearts. God has sent the Turks to punish them for their sins. The preachers should cite biblical examples for decreeing a day of prayer (e.g., 1 Cor. 7:5 and Joel 2:15) to avoid the impression that the practice was popish or Jewish. Bucer furthermore asks everyone to make a special effort to establish better relations between pastors and their congregations.