Prayers

Biddings

One of these sentences may be used to introduce intercessions

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,

[and let us thank God for his goodness].

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,

let us pray to the Father.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray to the Father. The chosen versicle and response follow.

Responses

One of these responses may be used in a set of prayers

General

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

God of love

All hear our prayer.

Father of all

All hear your children’s prayer.
In faith we pray

_All we pray to you our God._

Lord, meet us in the silence

_All and hear our prayer._

In seasons

Father of life

_All make known your glory._

Lord, revealed in the world

_All hear our prayer._

Lord, we come to the cross

_All in your mercy, hear us._

Lord of life

_All in your mercy, hear us._

Father, Lord of creation

_All in your mercy, hear us._

As we pray to the Father

_All Lord, send your Spirit._

Father, by your Spirit

_All bring in your kingdom._

Your kingdom come

_All your will be done._
A Cycle of Intercession

Prayers may include the following concerns if it is desired to pray for different topics through the week or through the seasons.

In Ordinary Time

Every day

- In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Sunday

- The universal Church
- Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church
- The leaders of the nations
- The natural world and the resources of the earth
- All who are in any kind of need

Monday

- The media and the arts
- Farming and fishing
- Commerce and industry
- Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger
- All who are unemployed

Tuesday

- All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
Those in the midst of famine or disaster

Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice

Those who are bereaved

All who work in the medical and healing professions

Wednesday

The social services

All who work in the criminal justice system

Victims and perpetrators of crime

The work of aid agencies throughout the world

Those living in poverty or under oppression

Thursday

Local government, community leaders

All who provide local services

Those who work with young or elderly people

Schools, colleges and universities

Emergency and rescue organizations

Friday

The King, members of parliament and the armed forces

Peace and justice in the world

Those who work for reconciliation

All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
Prisoners, refugees and homeless people

Saturday

- Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
- Those whose time is spent caring for others
- Those who are close to death
- Those who have lost hope
- The worship of the Church

In Seasonal Time

Every day

- In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Advent

- The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ
- The leaders of the Church
- The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God
- Those who are working for justice in the world
- The broken, that they may find God's healing

Christmas

- The Church, especially in places of conflict
- The Holy Land, for peace with justice, and reconciliation
Refugees and asylum seekers

Homeless people

Families with young children

Epiphany

The unity of the Church

The peace of the world

The healing of the sick

The revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden

All who travel

Lent

Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

Those serving through leadership

Those looking for forgiveness

Those misled by the false gods of this present age

All who are hungry

Passiontide

The persecuted Church

The oppressed peoples of the world

All who are lonely

All who are near to death

All who are facing loss


**Easter**

- The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- Prisoners and captives

**Ascension until Pentecost**

- God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit
- Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal
- All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ
- The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests
- All who are struggling with broken relationships

**All Saints until Advent**

- The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven
- All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God
- All who fear the winter months
- All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ
- All who grieve or wait with the dying

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**Some Forms of Intercession**

Some or all parts of these forms of intercession may be used, as occasion demands. Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable
That this day may be holy, good and joyful:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit, in communion with [N and with] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.
That this and all our days
may be full of your praise:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will keep us this day without sin:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may walk before you
in the paths of righteousness and peace:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will bless your people
and lift them up for ever:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will guide and protect us by your Holy Spirit
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

We pray for God's grace.

Lord, receive our praise
Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for ... (the Church)
Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise

All and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (the world)
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise

All and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (the sick and those in need)
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

Lord, receive our praise

All and hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for ...
Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.
Suitable for Evening Prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in the paths of peace and goodwill:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offences:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church and for the whole world:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with [N and with] all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

We pray to the Lord.

In faith we pray.
All We pray to you, our God.

That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful and full of your presence:

in faith we pray.

All We pray to you, our God.

That the work we have done and the people we have met today may bring us closer to you:

in faith we pray.

All We pray to you, our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:

in faith we pray.

All We pray to you, our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious:

in faith we pray.

All We pray to you, our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:

in faith we pray.

All We pray to you, our God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.
The Collect and Lord's Prayer (here) follow.

Suitable for Late Evening

6

That you will give us a quiet night and a perfect end:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will have mercy upon us and grant us your salvation:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will keep us this night without sin:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will guard us and give us your blessing:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will bring us with [N and] all your saints to glory everlasting:

All we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord's Prayer (here) follow.

Suitable for General Use

7

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel …;

Let us pray to the Lord: R
For the peace and stability of all peoples

and for the leaders of the nations ...;

let us pray to the Lord: R

For places of work, education and leisure ...;

let us pray to the Lord: R

For a blessing on our homes;

for our relations and friends and all whom we love ...;

let us pray to the Lord: R

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs ...;

let us pray to the Lord: R

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

*The Collect and Lord's Prayer ([here](#)) follow.*

8

Let us pray to God the Father,

who has reconciled all things to himself in Christ:

For peace among the nations,

that God may rid the world of violence

and let peoples grow in justice and harmony ...;

For those who serve in public office,
that they may work for the common good …;

For Christian people everywhere,

that we may joyfully proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ …;

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,

that the presence of Christ may bring them health and wholeness …;

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer ([here](#)) follow.

9

High and holy God,

robed in majesty,

Lord of heaven and earth,

we pray that you will bring justice, faith and salvation to all peoples.

*[Especially we pray …]*

Lord, hear us.

*All* Lord, graciously hear us.

You chose us in Christ to be your people

and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;

we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and hope.

*[Especially we pray …]*
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!',

affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ

and pleads for us in our weakness;

we pray for all who are in need or distress.

[Especially we pray . . .]

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,

you have opened heaven to us

and enabled us to share in your glory:

the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

from before the world was made.

[Especially we remember . . .]

May your whole Church, living and departed,

come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.
In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord,

who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world,

be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,

and bring hope even in the darkest night.

Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today. \( R \)

Lord of the Church,

empower by your Spirit all Christian people, [especially NN],

and the work of your Church in every land.

Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed \( R \)

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,

guide and enable all who lead and serve this community

and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.

Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place. \( R \)

Great Physician,

stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace

to [N and] all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love. \( R \)
Conqueror of death,

remember for good those whom we love but see no longer.

Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory. R

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

_Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept._

_The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow._

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving

make our requests to God.

Gracious God,

we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world.

We pray for the honouring of human rights,

and for the relief of the oppressed.

We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men, women and children. R

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service.

We pray for our bishop and for the life of this parish/community.

We give thanks for the gift of your word,

the grace of the sacraments

and the fellowship of your people. R

We pray for this local community
and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for the young and the elderly,

for families, and all who are alone.

We give thanks for human skill and creativity

and all that reveals your loveliness. R

We pray for those who are in need;

for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.

We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.

We give thanks for human love and friendship

and for all that enriches our daily lives. R

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

Suitable for Seasonal Use

Advent

12

Watchful at all times,

let us pray for strength to stand with confidence

before our Maker and Redeemer.
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,

let us pray to the Lord: R

That God may establish among the nations

his sceptre of righteousness,

let us pray to the Lord: R

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures

and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,

let us pray to the Lord: R

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,

restore the sick

and raise up all who have fallen,

let us pray to the Lord: R

That the light of God's coming may dawn

on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,

let us pray to the Lord: R

That, with all the saints in light,

we may shine forth as lights for the world,

let us pray to the Lord: R

Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.
The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

Christmas

13

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

let us pray for the people he came to save.

Wonderful Counsellor,

you order all things with your wisdom:

help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love

and fill her with the Spirit of truth: R

Mighty God,

the government is on your shoulders:

guide the leaders of the nations

and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness: R

Everlasting Father,

you call us to live together in unity:

protect by your mercy all your children,

bless our families and renew our communities: R

Prince of Peace,

you bring reconciliation through the cross:

by your healing power give to all who suffer

your gift of wholeness and peace: R
Let us commend the world, to which Christ came,
to the mercy and protection of God.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

*The Collect and Lord’s Prayer ([here](#)) follow.*

**Epiphany**

14

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

That the people of God in all the world

may worship in spirit and in truth,

let us pray to the Lord: *R*

That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father’s will,

let us pray to the Lord: *R*

That the nations of the earth

may seek after the ways that make for peace,

let us pray to the Lord: *R*

That the whole creation, groaning in travail,

may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God,

let us pray to the Lord: *R*

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death

may rest in peace and rise in glory,

let us pray to the Lord: *R*
Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

Lent

15

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father
and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people,
that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
we pray to you, O Lord: R

For candidates for baptism and confirmation,
that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth,
we pray to you, O Lord: R

For the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,
we pray to you, O Lord: R

For the needy,
that they may not be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away,
we pray to you, O Lord: R
For the sick in body, mind and spirit,
that they may know your power to heal,
we pray to you, O Lord: T11

For the poor in spirit,
that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven
and see you face to face,
we pray to you, O Lord: R

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

Passiontide

16

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life: R

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division: R

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name’s sake,
and deliver them from evil: R
Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation: R

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory: R

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting: R

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

**Easter**

17

On this day that the Lord has made,

let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: R

That all people may receive the good news of his victory: R

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism

may know the power of his resurrection: R

That those who suffer pain and anguish

may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: R

That in the undying love of Christ
we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ:

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead,
to the mercy and protection of God.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer ([here](#)) follow.

**Ascension until Pentecost**

18

Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places

and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood: *R*

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom

and grant on earth the blessing of peace: *R*

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit

and renew your Church with power from on high: *R*

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,

that we may vanquish injustice and wrong: *R*

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,

and grant us the needful gifts of your grace: *R*

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer (here) follow.

All Saints’ Day until Advent

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit,

looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.

That with the noble fellowship of the prophets

we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst,

we pray to you, O Lord: R

That with the glorious company of the apostles

we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world,

we pray to you, O Lord: R

That with the white-robed army of martyrs

we may be ready to suffer for the truth’s sake,

we pray to you, O Lord: R

That with all who are anointed by your Spirit

we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed,

we pray to you, O Lord: R

That with the saints in light

we may bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn,
we pray to you, O Lord:

That within the whole company of Christ’s pilgrim people

we may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory,

we pray to you, O Lord: R

In communion with all the saints,

let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

*The Collect and Lord’s Prayer ([here](#)) follow.*

**Saints’ Days**

20

Rejoicing in our fellowship with N and all the saints,

we make our prayer to our gracious God.

For your grace revealed in N,

and for all that inspires us from *her/his* life: R

For *her/his* insight into the mystery of Christ

and for every way in which *her/his* faith continues to speak today: R

That following *her/his* good example,

we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life: R

That we may receive grace to grow into the likeness of Christ: R

That we may persevere in prayer

and seek new light and truth from your word: R
That we may draw other people to the fire of your love:

That we may be faithful to Christ even to death:  

In communion with N and all the saints,

let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God.

_Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept._

The Collect and Lord’s Prayer ([here](#)) follow.

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Not every section of this intercession need be used on every occasion.

In every age you have raised up holy men and women
to reflect the light of Christ and to teach us the way of holiness.

We thank you for those who have been teachers in the school of Christ:
give understanding to those who study the faith that the Church has handed on,
and clarity to those who communicate the gospel in a changing world …

Lord, hear us.

_All Lord, graciously hear us._

We thank you for those who have been shepherds of your people:
give a pastoral heart to deacons, priests and bishops,
and the needful gifts to all your people in their ministry …

Lord, hear us.

_All Lord, graciously hear us._

We thank you for those who have been Christian rulers in the world,
and for those who carried the good news to lands where it had not been before:

give wisdom to all who have power and influence among the nations,

and establish God's sovereignty among people of every race ...

Lord, hear us.

All  Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those whom you have called to live in community:

establish mutual love among those drawn into fellowship in your service,

and bless with Christ's presence all the communities to which we relate ...

Lord, hear us.

All  Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who have lived out their vocation in family life:

give your grace to all who nurture children and all who care for the aged,

and enfold in your love all your sons and daughters...

Lord, hear us.

All  Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for those who have brought wholeness

through the medicine of the gospel:

give skill to all who minister healing and reconciliation in your name,

and comfort all who cry out to you from any sort of distress ...

Lord, hear us.

All  Lord, graciously hear us.
We thank you for the noble army of martyrs

by the shedding of whose blood the Church has been enriched:

keep under your protection those who are persecuted for the cause of Christ,

and acknowledge, we pray,

those who have passed through death trusting your promises...

Lord, hear us.

All  Lord, graciously hear us.

[We thank you today for ...]

As we celebrate his/her memory and rejoice in his/her friendship,

we ask you to bless ...

Bring into one communion and fellowship

all those for whom Christ died.]

Lord, hear us.

All  Lord, graciously hear us.

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come from east and west,

from north and south,

and sit at table in your kingdom,

and we shall see your Son in his glory.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Collect and Lord's Prayer (here) follow.
Seasonal Acclamations

These Acclamations may be used in place of the usual intercessions. They should be preceded by some short biddings, or open prayer. The Lord's Prayer and Collect follow. It should be noted that all the Acclamations are addressed to the second person of the Trinity.

Advent

22

Let us turn our eyes to the Lord of glory, saying:

come, Lord Jesus.

Jesus, servant of God,
you bring justice to the nations:

All come, Lord Jesus.

You love your people with a faithful love:

All come, Lord Jesus.

You were lifted up on the cross

that you might draw all people to yourself:

All come, Lord Jesus.

You bring hope and joy

to those who walk in the valley and shadow of death:

All come, Lord Jesus.

You have liberated us so that we might be free for ever:

All come, Lord Jesus.

You, O Christ, are our justice,
our peace and our redemption:

All come, Lord Jesus.

Christmas

23

Let us praise the eternal Word of God,

who is seated at God's right hand,

and yet was born for us in the midst of time, saying:

be born in us today.

O saving Lord, God with us,

born of the Virgin by the power of the Spirit:

All be born in us today.

Son of David,

foretold by the prophets:

All be born in us today.

Glorious offspring of Abraham,

awaited by the patriarchs:

All be born in us today.

Saviour of your people,

proclaimed by angels:

All be born in us today.

O Light eternal,
giving sight to the eyes of the blind:

All be born in us today.

O lover of justice and peace,

ruler of all the ages:

All be born in us today.

Epiphany

24

To Jesus, redeemer of the peoples,

let us lift our voices, saying:

make known your glory.

Lord, you are the faithful guide of those who seek you with a pure heart:

All make known your glory.

You came among us to usher in your kingdom of peace:

All make known your glory.

O Lord, encompassed in light as with a cloak,

you conquer the darkness of our night:

All make known your glory.

O bread eternal,

you feed the hunger of your people in desert places:

All make known your glory.

You change our vessels of water
into the gladdening wine of new life:

*All* make known your glory.

You are the true host of the marriage feast,

welcoming sinners to your banquet table:

*All* make known your glory.

**Lent**

**25**

We come before the Son of God, crucified and risen,

who eternally intercedes for us to the Father, saying:

turn our hearts again.

Son of God, you came into the world to save sinners:

*All* turn our hearts again.

You became poor that we might become rich:

*All* turn our hearts again.

You have taken on yourself all our sufferings:

*All* turn our hearts again.

You loved the Church and gave yourself for her:

*All* turn our hearts again.

For the joy which was set before you,

you endured the cross:

*All* turn our hearts again.
King of the ages, you brought us the gift of life
and opened the way to unending joy:

*All* turn our hearts again.

*Passiontide*

26

Let us come to him who died that we might live
and who intercedes for ever before the Father, saying:

we praise you, Lamb of God.

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross
that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:

*All* we praise you, Lamb of God.

Innocent captive,
you submitted to the judgement of sinners:

*All* we praise you, Lamb of God.

In the hour of death
you heard the penitent thief
and opened to him the door of paradise:

*All* we praise you, Lamb of God.

Most merciful Saviour,
you have known the pain of abandonment:

*All* we praise you, Lamb of God.
Lord, you loved the Church

and gave up your own self for her:

All we praise you, Lamb of God.

Through your blood

you have brought to all people the crown of life:

All we praise you, Lamb of God.

Easter

27

To Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

and who now lives in the glory of the Father,

let us lift our voices in praise, saying:

risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, you are the Amen, the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead:

All risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

You are Alpha and Omega,

the one who is, and was, and who is to come:

All risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

You search into the thoughts and affections of all people:

All risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

You reprove and chasten those whom you love:
All risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

You open the eyes of the blind

and set the prisoners free:

All risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

In your paschal victory,

you have proclaimed the coming of the kingdom:

All risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.

Ascension until Pentecost

28

Let us turn to the risen Lord,

who gives us the Spirit to make all things new, saying:

renew us in your love.

O Word of life,

one God with the Father and the Spirit:

All renew us in your love.

O eternal Light,

who through the working of the Holy Spirit

received from the Virgin our human nature:

All renew us in your love.

O crucified Redeemer,

by the eternal Spirit you offered yourself to the Father for us:
All renew us in your love.

You breathed on the apostles the Spirit of your love,

that sinners might come to know the mercy of God:

All renew us in your love.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

from whom we receive the gifts of the Spirit:

All renew us in your love.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit

you wash away our sins in the waters of baptism

and open our hearts to the guiding hand of the Father:

All renew us in your love.

All Saints’ Day until Advent

29

Let us praise Christ our King,

by whose cross we have citizenship in heaven, saying:

all your saints praise you.

Lord, you built your Church on the foundation of the apostles:

All all your saints praise you.

You witness to your truth in the lives of your saints:

All all your saints praise you.

You made us to be a kingdom and priests serving our God:
All your saints praise you.

You have shared our burdens,

revealing the holiness of our life and work:

All your saints praise you.

You stir us to seek the mysteries of the kingdom:

All your saints praise you.

You lead us to the eternal assembly of the saints:

All your saints praise you.

Ordinary Time

30

Let us give thanks to Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,

who laid down his life for us all, saying:

we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You lead us out and we find pasture:

All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You call us by name and we hear your voice:

All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

Whoever enters by you will be saved:

All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You laid down your life in order to take it up again:

All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.
You came that we might have life and have it abundantly:

*All* we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You lead us through the valley of the shadow of death

and we fear no evil:

*All* we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

**Litanies**

The following may be used either as versicles and responses or as petitions for a litany, with a response after each one.

31

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day, we bless you.

We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We long for your salvation, O Lord:

grant us understanding, that we may live.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,

for we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

let us not be confounded at the last.

32
Show us your mercy, O Lord;
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the King;
And teach his counsellors wisdom.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
Let your faithful people sing with joy.

Let your ways be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.

Give your people the blessing of peace;
and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

33

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and lead us in the path of your commandments.

Keep our nation under your care;
and guide us in justice and truth.

O Lord, deal graciously with your servants;
teach us discernment and knowledge.

Let not the needy be forgotten;
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Guide the meek in judgement;
and teach your ways to the gentle.

Lord, remember your people;
whom you have purchased and redeemed of old.

Lord, open a path for your Word
to declare the mystery of Christ.

Turn now, O God of hosts;
behold and tend the vine you have planted.

May your people rejoice and sing,
and your ministers be clothed with salvation.

May they stand and feed your flock
in the strength of your name.

Keep from trouble all those who trust in you
and forget not the poor for ever.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon us,
as we have put our hope in you.

Send forth your strength, O God,
establish what you have wrought in us.

Uphold all those who fall
and raise up those who are bowed down.

Open the eyes of the blind

and set the prisoners free.

Sustain the orphan and widow

and give food to those who hunger.

Grant them the joy of your help again

and sustain them with your Spirit.

O Lord, judge the peoples

and take all nations for your own.

36

O Lord, answer us in the day of trouble,

send us help from your holy place.

Show us the path of life,

for in your presence is joy.

Give justice to the orphan and oppressed

and break the power of wickedness and evil.

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful

and grant them the help for which they long.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;

may your glory endure for ever.

Your kingship has dominion over all
and with you is our redemption.

The Litany

Sections I and VII must always be used, but a selection of appropriate suffrages may be made from Sections II, III, IV, V and VI.

I

Let us pray.

God the Father,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Son,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,

All have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

All have mercy upon us.

II

From all evil and mischief;

from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;

from envy, hatred and malice;

and from all evil intent,

All good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;

from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,

All good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;

from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

All good Lord, deliver us.

From famine and disaster;

from violence, murder and dying unprepared,

All good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow;

in all times of joy;

in the hour of death,

and at the day of judgement,

All good Lord, deliver us.

III

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;

by your birth, childhood and obedience;

by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

All good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;

by your mighty acts of power;

and by your preaching of the kingdom,
All good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial;

by your cross and passion;

and by your precious death and burial,

All good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;

by your glorious ascension;

and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

All good Lord, deliver us.

IV

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Govern and direct your holy Church;

fill it with love and truth;

and grant it that unity which is your will.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,

and to make disciples of all the nations.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten N our Bishop and all who minister

with knowledge and understanding,
that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word,

and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred

and are deceived.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand;

comfort and help the faint-hearted;

raise up the fallen;

and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Guide the leaders of the nations

into the ways of peace and justice.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Guard and strengthen your servant Charles our King,

that he may put his trust in you,

and seek your honour and glory.

All Hear us, good Lord.
Endue the High Court of Parliament
and all the Ministers of the Crown
with wisdom and understanding.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law,
that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory,
and for the good of all creation.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people.

All Hear us, good Lord.

Bring your joy into all families;
strengthen and deliver those in childbirth,
watch over children and guide the young,
bring reconciliation to those in discord
and peace to those in stress.

All Hear us, good Lord.

VI

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

All Lord, have mercy.
Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

Heal the sick in body and mind,

and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,

and all who are in trouble.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,

and turn their hearts.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

Hear us as we remember

those who have died in the peace of Christ,

both those who have confessed the faith

and those whose faith is known to you alone,

and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

VII

Give us true repentance;

forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance

and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

When the Litany is said instead of the Prayers at Morning or Evening Prayer, the Collect of the Day, the Lord's Prayer and the Grace are added here.

### Other Prayers

#### A Prayer before Bible Reading

O Lord, you have given us your word
for a light to shine upon our path.

Grant us so to meditate on that word,
and to follow its teaching,
that we may find in it the light
that shines more and more until the perfect day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

after Jerome (420)

#### A Morning Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.

Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

An Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness,

Lord, we pray,

and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,

for the love of your only Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

A General Thanksgiving
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks

for all your goodness and loving kindness.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,

and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

A Collect for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail

and whose mercies are new each returning day:

let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,

warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;

that we may pass the coming year

in joyful obedience and firm faith;

through him who is the beginning and the end,

your Son, Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Christaraksha

For individuals to say before sleep

May the cross of the Son of God,

which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan,

and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven,

abide with me in my going out and my coming in.

By day and by night, at morning and at evening,

at all times and in all places may it protect and defend me.
From the wrath of evildoers, from the assaults of evil spirits,

from foes visible and invisible, from the snares of the devil,

from all passions that beguile the soul and body:

may it guard, protect and deliver me.

All Amen.

an Indian prayer

Kaddish

Magnified and sanctified be the great name of God

in the world which he created according to his will.

May he establish his kingdom in your life and in your days,

and in the lifetime of all his people:

quickly and speedily may it come; and let us say Amen.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed, praised and glorified,

exalted, extolled and honoured,

magnified and lauded be the name of the Holy One;

blessed be God.

Though he be high above all the blessings and hymns,

praises and consolations,

which are uttered in the world; and let us say Amen.
All Blessed be God for ever.

May there be abundant peace from heaven

and life for us and for all people; let us say Amen.

All Blessed be God for ever.

prayer of a Jewish mourner

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive me from death.

Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,

kindling my heart with the flame of your love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there,

for you alone are my King and my Lord.

All Amen.

Dimitri of Rostov (1709)

Heavenly Father,

in your Son Jesus Christ

you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.

Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,

that we may live as those who believe in

the communion of saints

the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

adapted from the 1928 Prayer Book

Keep us in peace, O Christ our God,

under the protection of your holy and venerable cross;

save us from our enemies, visible and invisible,

and count us worthy to glorify you with thanksgiving,

with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever, world without end.

All Amen.

an Armenian Orthodox dismissal

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life:

let us not stray from you who are the way,

nor distrust your promises who are the truth,

nor rest in anything but you who are the life,

for beyond you there is nothing to be desired

neither in heaven nor in earth.

All Amen.

from a prayer of Erasmus (1536)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are forgiven,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

All Amen.

a Franciscan prayer

May the power of your love, O Lord,

fiery and sweet as honey,

so absorb our hearts

as to withdraw them from all that is under heaven.

Grant that we may be ready
to die for love of your love

as you died for love of our love.

All Amen.

Francis of Assisi (1226)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,

look favourably on your whole Church,

that wonderful and sacred mystery,

and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence

carry out the work of our salvation:

and let the whole world feel and see

that things which were cast down are being raised up

and things which had grown old are being made new

and that all things are returning to perfection

through him from whom they took their origin,

even Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century)

O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,

impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts,

and prayers better than our own prayers,

and powers better than our own powers,
that we may spend and be spent
in the ways of love and goodness,

after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Eric Milner-White and G W Briggs, Daily Prayer (1941)

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,

set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,

now and in the hour of our death.

Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,

and everlasting life and glory;

for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

you are alive and reign,

God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Collect for None

Remember, Lord, what you have wrought in us
and not what we deserve,

and as you have called us to your service

make us worthy of our calling

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

adapted from the 1928 Prayer Book

Support us, O Lord,

all the day long of this troublous life,

until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,

the busy world is hushed,

the fever of life is over

and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,

a holy rest, and peace at the last;

through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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