

NOVEMBER 1, 2025 — JANUARY 25, 2026

# *Universal Prayers* (Prayers of the Faithful)



**General Intercessions**  
*Or*  
**Universal Prayers (Prayers of the Faithful)**

The norms governing “The Universal Prayer” are given in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, nos. 69–71. Formulas helpful to the composition of these intercessions are offered in the following pages; the samples proposed depend heavily upon the Mass formularies for the respective Sundays and feasts. A more general series of intercessory petitions would be as follows:

Introductory Invitation:

We have opened our hearts and minds to the wisdom of God in the Liturgy of the Word. Now let us turn to him humbly and sincerely with these common petitions:

For our Holy Father the Pope, for our (Arch)Bishop N., and all the pastors and priests of this (arch)diocese: that they be blessed with the zeal and courage to proclaim the values and the obligations of our holy religion, we pray to the Lord—

For our civil leaders and representatives on the national and local levels: that their laws and their lives be an inspiration to all citizens by reflecting right reason and divine revelation, we pray to the Lord—

For our youth in particular: that they be given the encouragement and the guidance to resist the immoral and sinful presence of current pagan culture, we pray to the Lord—

For the sick, the needy, the aged, and the lonely: that they be consoled spiritually by the gifts of grace and also receive care, aid, and loving concern from relatives, friends, and neighbors, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died recently: that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven, we pray to the Lord—

For the personal intentions of each one here present . . . , we pray to the Lord—

Concluding Prayer

God of mercy and compassion, bless us by granting these common petitions, for we plead to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

NOVEMBER—*For the prevention of suicide*

—Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

DECEMBER—*For Christians in areas of conflict*

—Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

JANUARY—*For prayer with the Word of God*

—Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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**November 1, 2025**

**Solemnity of All Saints**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

With confidence, let us raise our prayers to God, the Creator of all that is good.

Lord God, strengthen our Holy Mother Church through the example of the saints and martyrs. We pray to the Lord—

God of all, we pray for those holding civil offices around the world. May they bring about justice, equality, and hope for peoples everywhere. We pray to the Lord—

Merciful God, look upon the downcast, the hopeless, those who feel invisible. Grant them the kindness of a stranger, a helping hand, to lift them up this day. We pray to the Lord—

Loving God, renew this community of faith with a steadfast and compassionate spirit, stirring in us ways to invite those who long to return to this eucharistic table. We pray to the Lord—

God of great empathy, be with those who mourn, and embrace those who have gone before us in the communion of saints. We pray to the Lord—

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God of goodness and love, hear the prayers of your people and stir in us the desire to care for all that you have created. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**November 2, 2025**

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Let us bring our prayers to our God of the living and the dead.

For an increase of compassion in our church. May the church throughout the world lovingly reach out to those who grieve the loss of life due to illness, suffering, war, violence, and natural disasters. We pray to the Lord—

For civil leaders and the people they lead. May all people work to strengthen bonds of peace, justice, and compassion in our world. We pray to the Lord—

For caregivers. May they be strengthened as they reach out to the brokenhearted, those who are lost in their grieving, and those who have lost someone through violence or suicide. We pray to the Lord—

For those present here today. May we find the encouragement we need to continue our ministry of presence to those who are bereaved. We pray to the Lord—

For our deceased loved ones, whom we pray for on this day and every day. May the God of peace grant perpetual light to all souls who have been drawn to the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord—

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Almighty God of compassion, hear the prayers we offer for ourselves and for the human family, whom you have loved throughout time and into eternity. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**November 9, 2025**

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

On this feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, let us be mindful of our ancestors in faith and grateful for God's continued mercy as we place our prayers before our God.

May the God of the ages strengthen our church, not with brick and mortar, but with divine guidance, fortitude, and wisdom as we discern the conflicts of our time. We pray to the Lord—

May the Divine Master look upon the leaders of this world, granting them the spirit of good counsel, that they may make decisions based upon the needs of all people, who are equal in God's eyes. We pray to the Lord—

May the God of all open our hearts and minds to those experiencing economic hardship, loneliness, isolation, and a lack of belonging. We pray to the Lord—

May our welcoming Lord strengthen the attempts of this family of faith to follow God's will, gather everyone, and forgive us when we falter. We pray to the Lord—

May our loving Shepherd welcome into the light of his face those who have died. We pray to the Lord—

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Lord our God, hear the prayers we place before you with confidence and humility through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**November 16, 2025**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Let us bring our prayers to our everlasting God, knowing that God hears us.

Gracious God, grant the church the wisdom to discover new ways to preach, teach, and heal. We pray to the Lord—

God of power and might, guide the leaders of the world to strive for peace, justice, and fair and equitable living for all nations. We pray to the Lord—

Compassionate Lord, form us as people of mercy, that we might hear the cries of the poor and reach out to raise them up. We pray to the Lord—

All-powerful, almighty God, inspire the people of this faith community to witness to their faith to others, sharing testimony of your glory. We pray to the Lord—

Merciful God, we lift to your Light those who have died, that they may now see your brilliance face-to-face. We pray to the Lord—

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Universal God, we set before you these prayers, thanking you for hearing us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**November 23, 2025**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Let us bring our prayers before our God, confident that God hears us.

God, Almighty King, look with favor upon our church and inspire in church leaders the wisdom to make decisions that will carry forth your mission. We pray to the Lord—

God of power and might, grant to the civil leaders in this world the wisdom of Solomon, that they may bring justice, peace, and equity to all peoples of every race, color, and creed. We pray to the Lord—

Eternal God, look upon those most vulnerable this day—people who are homeless, frightened, living with addictions, or victims of human trafficking. Guide them to the help that they need. We pray to the Lord—

God of tender care, look upon this community of faith before you. Strengthen our faith, that we may go forth and live our baptismal call. We pray to the Lord—

Compassionate God, bring into the light of your face and glory of your kingdom those who have died. We pray to the Lord—

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O Lord our God, you know our needs before they are on our lips. With confidence, we ask you to hear our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**November 30, 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

As we begin this Advent, let us bring our needs to God, who listens to our prayers of hope.

God of wonder, spark hope within the church to welcome back the lost, invite the seekers, and show mercy to all who wander. We pray to the Lord—

God of peace, spark the light of compassion, reconciliation, conversation, and peacemaking among the leaders of the world, that they may make concerted efforts to bring about peace. We pray to the Lord—

God of empathy, spark within us hearts to see the needs of the most underserved in our community, and enflame our compassion to speak out for justice, equality, and fairness. We pray to the Lord—

God of welcome, spark within this faith community the desire to witness to our faith to others, catching flame and casting your light on those in darkness. We pray to the Lord—

God of eternal life, carry the spark of your love to those grieving the loss of a loved one this season, and bless the deceased whom we remember today. We pray to the Lord—

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God beyond all names, bring your light to our hearts this Advent season. Keep us alert to your call and aware of the needs of others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**December 7, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Turning to our loving and merciful God in prayer, we offer the following petitions.

For members of the Catholic Church, especially those in leadership positions, that they may be a beacon of hope in a weary world. Prince of Peace, hear our prayer—

For political leaders, that they may labor to establish peace through nonviolent practices. Prince of Peace, hear our prayer—

For all people who work to end gun violence, and for the success of their tireless efforts to create safe and welcoming communities. Prince of Peace, hear our prayer—

For those in this community who feel anxious, that they may find comfort during this Advent season. Prince of Peace, hear our prayer—

For those who have gone before us, that they may find peaceful, eternal rest with God. Prince of Peace, hear our prayer—

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We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**December 8, 2025**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

As we prepare our hearts during this Advent, let us turn to the God who loves us with our needs.

For the pope, our bishop, and all who lead in the church, may they always be ready to follow God's will. We pray to the Lord—

For those experiencing unplanned pregnancies, may they feel support and joy as they bring new life into the world. We pray to the Lord—

For foster parents, may they draw strength from Mary's example to embrace the unpredictable journey of parenthood. We pray to the Lord—

For those gathered here, may they accept the promptings of the Holy Spirit to follow God's will. We pray to the Lord—

For those that have gone before us, may they be welcomed by the saints and angels into their heavenly reward. We pray to the Lord—

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God of mercy and love, through your generosity, hear our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

As we celebrate the joy of this Advent season, let us turn to our merciful and loving God with these petitions.

For all members of the church, may we share the joy of the Gospel with all individuals we encounter. We pray to the Lord—

For those who lead, may they do so in a way that makes everyone feel loved and valued. We pray to the Lord—

For those who carry heavy burdens, may they find comfort and peace in the God who loves us. We pray to the Lord—

For the members of our community who struggle to feel connected or a sense of belonging, may they recognize their sacredness as members of the Body of Christ. We pray to the Lord—

For those that have died, may they experience peace and joy in their eternal rest. We pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, source of our joy, we trust in your love and mercy and ask you to hear these petitions through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

**December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Acknowledging that we can do nothing without God, let us offer our prayers to the One who loves us . . .

Let us pray for Pope Leo and all who those who lead, may they always be reflections of God love in the world. Lord of Love . . . hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those with political power, may they work to uphold just laws that help everyone feel loved and valued. Lord of Love . . . hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who do not feel loved, especially victims of abuse, may we as a community work tirelessly to help those who are oppressed. Lord of Love . . . hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our community of faith, may we share the message of Christ's love with all we meet. Lord of Love . . . hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those who have died that they may be surrounded by the love of the Savior for all eternity. Lord of Love . . . hear our prayer.

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Generous God, we ask in your divine generosity that you hear these prayers we speak through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**December 25, 2025**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Let us turn to God, who is the source of our joy, with these prayers.

For the members of the church, may they continue to share the joy of Jesus' birth with the world. O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer—

For those who lead, may they be inspired by the humbleness of Jesus and emulate his servant leadership in their actions. O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer—

For those experiencing homelessness, may they get connected with resources to help them find safe and affordable housing. O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer—

For those in our community who are feeling lonely or experiencing grief this Christmas, may they find solace that even the Messiah entered a world surrounded by hardships. O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer—

For those that have died, may they find peace in their eternal rest. O God, in your goodness, hear our prayer—

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Acknowledging that you, O God, are the source of goodness and mercy, we offer these prayers to you through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**December 28, 2025**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Let us turn to our loving Father as we share our prayers.

For the members of the church, may we act as a family and care for everyone, especially the most vulnerable. Merciful Father, hear our prayer—

For anyone who holds a position of leadership, may they work tirelessly to uphold the dignity of all human life. Merciful Father, hear our prayer—

For couples experiencing fertility struggles, may they feel the presence of our loving God. Merciful Father, hear our prayer—

For those gathered here who feel distant from their immediate families, may they find a community that loves and supports them in our parish. Merciful Father, hear our prayer—

For those in our families that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, may they be united with God forever in heaven. Merciful Father, hear our prayer—

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Loving Father, we ask you to hear the prayers we offer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**January 1, 2026**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Confident that God loves us and has shown that love through the gift of his beloved Son, Jesus, we lift our voices in prayer.

For the pope and all the bishops of the church, that they may become good models of Christian life and discipleship for all the peoples who are entrusted to their care, let us pray to the Lord—

For Christians of all denominations, that we can search together with faith and sincerity for the establishment of the kingdom of God in all our countries, let us pray to the Lord—

For all nations of the earth on this World Day of Peace, that we may heed the message that Pope Francis preached throughout his papal ministry, and live in social friendship, let us pray to the Lord—

For all refugees and migrants around the world, that they may find decent jobs, adequate housing, and peace in their tribulations and griefs, let us pray to the Lord—

For the well-being and safety of this community of faith and all our families, and for those who have gone before us in faith, that this coming year will be one of grace for those who walk on this earth, and that those who have completed their journey will know the eternal joy of heaven, let us pray to the Lord—

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Merciful God, listen with compassion to all the supplications that we, your sons and daughters, present to you today at the beginning of this year, and let us feel the everlasting comfort and aid that only you can give. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

**January 4, 2026**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the assistance of our Lord God, who never ignores the petitions of those who come to his presence with a humble heart.

For the Church, established in all the continents and islands of this world, that it may become a true witness of Christian life for all the peoples of the earth, let us pray to the Lord—

For all Christians gathered today in the world for the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, that their participation in these sacred mysteries may help them to become true disciples of the child Jesus, let us pray to the Lord—

For all the towns and areas that are suffering because of hunger and natural disasters, that our God may give them his consolation and all that they need in these times of misery, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who suffer from mental illness and depression, that they may find comfort and relief in the presence of the Holy Spirit and in the company of relatives, health providers, and friends, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, that they may share in the eternal light of God's love, let us pray to the Lord—

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God of mercy and compassion, look kindly upon your children gathered here in your name, attend to their petitions, and fill their lives with the gifts of your heart, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

**January 11, 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Let us bring our petitions and supplications to our Lord God with humility and faith, trusting in the infinite mercy and love that he has for all of us, his children. Let us pray saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For the pope, bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and faithful, that they exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives so they may be instruments of God for the spiritual renewal of the world, let us pray to the Lord—

For the rulers of nations, leaders, and those who have political and economic power, that they may always keep in mind the common good of all their citizens and work for the development of all peoples, especially those experiencing poverty, let us pray to the Lord—

For families, married couples, children, and grandparents, that they may live in harmony with the same love that comes to us from Christ, our Lord, let us pray to the Lord—

For the elderly and the ill and all those who need our help and support, that they may find in us that gesture of affection inspired in the baptism and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord—

For all of us and our community, that Jesus Christ may always be the center of our lives, and that we may always work together in unity and love for the well-being of the oppressed and the needy, let us pray to the Lord—

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O Lord, with your infinite mercy, attend to all the prayers we have presented today to you and to the needs that each one of us has in our own hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

As we gather around this eucharistic table, let us humbly place our needs before God, who has called us together.

For all Christian churches during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Through our common witness and shared baptism, may we continue to invite all people into communion with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord—

For leaders in this country and throughout the world. May they come to know the spirit of truth and humility through God's only-begotten Son. We pray to the Lord—

For the poor, elderly, and all those who are suffering. May the children of God minister to them in their time of need. We pray to the Lord—

For all gathered here today to celebrate this eucharistic feast. May we continue to live out our baptismal promises and live as children of light out in the world. We pray to the Lord—

For those who are no longer with us. May they be joined in eternal, full communion with the Father. We pray to the Lord—

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Father, we come before you today and ask that you show us how you want us to build up the Body of Christ with our lives, our blessings, and the talents you have gifted us with. Hear our prayers and continue to shape us with your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**January 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Jesus is the Light of the World. As members of the Body of Christ, we offer these prayers to our Father.

For the church. May it be a beacon of Jesus' light by carrying the gospel of peace in word and deed in a divided world. We pray to the Lord—

For leaders in this country and throughout the world. May they carry out their responsibilities in the light of truth. We pray to the Lord—

For all those who suffer in body, mind, soul, and spirit. May they find a way out of their darkness by following children of light who follow Jesus. We pray to the Lord—

For all gathered here today. Strengthen us through the Word and Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist so that we follow him more closely, grow as children of the light, and carry his message of hope to others. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have passed from this world to the next. May they rest eternally in the Lord who is light and salvation. We pray to the Lord—

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Father, hear our prayers. Help us to follow your Son more closely so that we can be Jesus' presence to others and help all people walk in the midst of darkness. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **For a Funeral**

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

We turn to our eternal God with heaviness in our hearts this day, with confidence that God hears our prayers.

Loving God, let your church here on earth be a witness to your love and an embrace for those who are suffering. We pray to the Lord—

Kind Shepherd, lead and guide our civil leaders to peaceful resolutions, dialogue for the common good of all, and a recognition of the dignity of each person. We pray to the Lord—

God of every time, we ask you to provide this faith-filled community with opportunities to connect with one another and bear witness to your glory. We pray to the Lord—

Merciful God, we ask you to hold close to your heart the members of this family before you. Be with them in their grieving this day and help them to have faith not only in what is seen but what is unseen. We pray to the Lord—

Lord of peace, into your arms and eternal care we place (name of the deceased). We pray to the Lord—

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We place before you, glorious God, these prayers, with full confidence that they will be heard and granted in accord with your mercy, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## For a Wedding

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

We stand privileged to be in the presence of God today as we join this couple in holy matrimony. Together, let us lift our prayers to God.

Glorious God, we ask that, as a church, we embrace this couple and be a support to them through their marriage. We pray to the Lord—

God of wisdom, we pray for civic leaders of this world, that their decisions and choices made to govern are fair and just for all peoples of every race, creed, and color. We pray to the Lord—

Merciful God, mend the hearts of the brokenhearted. May they find joy forever in a relationship with you. We pray to the Lord—

Almighty Lord, look upon this faith community. See the love for this couple that they bring to our gathering today. Hear and answer their prayers. We pray to the Lord—

God of infinite mercy, give eternal life to the family and friends of this couple who have left this earth. Comfort those grieving, and give glory to those who now see you face-to-face. We pray to the Lord—

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Lord, we know that you hear our prayers even before they are on our lips. With gratitude that you count us intimately as your own, we offer our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## For Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary—1

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Almighty God has done great things for us. God listens to and answers the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And so we pray:

That our Holy Father the pope and all the leaders of God's people be filled with the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord—

That the leaders of nations fill the hungry with good food, we pray to the Lord—

That this community of the faithful rejoice in the favors God has given to Mary and to us, we pray to the Lord—

That mothers-to-be await the birth of their babies with healthy care and hopeful joy, we pray to the Lord—

That vacationers' and travelers' journeys be safe and refreshing, we pray to the Lord—

That all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, be lifted up to the glory of God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord—

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God our joy, we thank you for choosing Mary to be the mother of your Son Jesus and for choosing us to be your children. Continue to do great things for us as you lead us to share your glory. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For First Fridays

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

We know God is faithful and constant in love for the chosen people of his heart. Let us pray for all our needs.

For all who minister to the people of God, that their service may empower them to share Christ's love with the people entrusted to their care, let us pray to the Lord—

For those engaged in works of mercy and ministries of charity in the church, that they show Christ's love to all they meet and be blessed in his service, let us pray to the Lord—

For any who feel overburdened, that the gentle and humble heart of Christ may comfort them in their pain, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who do not have employment, that they may be able to maintain their human dignity and obtain the work they are seeking, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who fail in nurturing a discrimination-free society, may the heart of Christ change them and move them to love all God's children, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially our deceased friends and relatives, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, may they find rest for their souls in the loving arms of Christ our Savior, let us pray to the Lord—

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Ever faithful God, in the heart of your Son, you reveal your compassion and grace. In your mercy, hear our prayer and help us reach out to others with hearts filled with love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—1**

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

God has poured out a spirit of grace and petition upon us,  
and so we ask God to hear our prayers:

For the leaders of the church, clothed with Christ in their service to all, let us pray to the Lord—

For leaders of nations, clothed with Christ in the care for their people, let us pray to the Lord—

For the hungry and the homeless, clothed with Christ in their sufferings, let us pray to the Lord—

For ourselves, clothed with Christ in our call to discipleship, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who labor, clothed with Christ in doing the work of God, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
clothed with Christ in the promise of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord—

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Almighty God, you have made us one in Christ Jesus. In his name we ask you to share with us and with all people the blessings of our inheritance in Christ, today and always, both now and for ever. Amen.

## For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—2

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

In his great love for us, the Father sent the only Son that we might know him and be one with him. Together let us pray for our needs and the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

For our Holy Father, Pope Leo, for our Bishop N., and for the priests of our (arch)diocese, that they may devote themselves unreservedly and successfully to preaching the Gospel, we pray to the Lord—

For civil authorities throughout the world, that they may all work for justice and peace, considering the needs of all people, we pray to the Lord—

For the suffering, the needy, and the elderly, that they may find peace and joy in God, as well as sufficient material help from friends and neighbors, we pray to the Lord—

For strength to always promote the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, we pray to the Lord—

For the grace of perseverance in our efforts to change and become Christlike, we pray to the Lord—

For the humility to accept God's command to us at the transfiguration of Jesus: "This is my Son, listen to him," we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, may they enter into the joys of eternal life, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to the Lord—

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Almighty God, hear our prayers and sustain our hope.  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—3

#### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

We are called to be watchful in prayer at all times and to put our trust in God. With trust and confidence let us pray to God for all our needs.

May all bishops and priests have the strong faith of Peter and Paul, we pray to the Lord—

May we be the healing, consoling, loving Body of Christ in the world today just as Christ loved us, we pray to the Lord—

May we have the grace to persevere in prayer, even in hard times, we pray to the Lord—

May peace come to all parts of our troubled world and may all people welcome God into their lives and live together in peace, we pray to the Lord—

May we always protect human life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

May all families be strengthened by their faith in God and receive the courage and hope to face the difficulties they encounter in their families today, we pray to the Lord—

May all who have died be gathered into God's kingdom, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and come to know the mercy and love of God, we pray to the Lord—

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Ever living God, in your loving mercy you guide our lives. Grant us the grace to live in harmony with your plan of salvation. Give us the understanding to see your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—4 (Church Unity)

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Jesus prayed that they all may be one as you, Father, and I are one. Bringing our hopes and prayers for the Church we pray:

That the gospel of Christ may be the center of our life together as Church and community, we pray to the Lord—

That all churches and faith communities may find unity in the Gospel of the risen Christ, we pray to the Lord—

That the pope, our bishop, and all ministers of the Church be compassionate “fishers” of souls for God, we pray to the Lord—

That the nations and peoples of the world may live in peace, working together to protect the dignity and rights of all, we pray to the Lord—

That those who walk in the darkness of illness, addiction, and abuse may see the “great light” of Christ, we pray to the Lord—

That all people protect the gift of life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

That the faithful who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, may “dwell forever in the house of the Lord,” we pray to the Lord—

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Lord of light, dispel the darkness of our self-centeredness and ignorance. May the prayers we offer together be the first light of your presence in our homes and communities. We offer these prayers to you, O God, in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## For Weekdays in Advent—1

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

With confidence let us join our hearts and voices in prayer to the Lord:

For Pope Leo, and our (Arch)Bishop N., and for all who serve the Church as pastors and teachers, may they proclaim the coming reign of God to our broken world, we pray to the Lord—

For our church and parish community, may we always be the faithful “remnant” of the Lord’s peace and justice, we pray to the Lord—

For religious communities of men and women, for all who live vowed lives of poverty, chastity, and obedience, may their single-hearted search for God lead others to the joy of God’s kingdom, we pray to the Lord—

For the nations and peoples of the world, may they dedicate themselves to the work of peacemaking, we pray to the Lord—

For the poor and suffering, the abandoned and forgotten, and for those who serve them, may their humble witness to God’s love shame those who victimize them, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, may they inherit the reward of heaven awaiting them, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord, hear our prayers for the needs of all people. Send your Son to us that we might become a people who walk in the light, a people who seek your presence and joy in all things. We make our prayer in Jesus name, both now and for ever. Amen.

## For Weekdays in Advent—2

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

Almighty God, our ever-loving Father, desires all people to share in his divine life. God sent the Son to redeem us and the Spirit to sanctify us; we ask the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to hear our prayers.

For the Church, witness to the risen Christ, our victory over sin and death, let us pray to the Lord—

For peace in the world that comes from the Lord and is known through the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord—

For travelers and pilgrims, that they have a safe journey, let us pray to the Lord—

For separated families, may they be brought together in love and peace, let us pray to the Lord—

For all people to realize the God-given right to life from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, may they follow Jesus into the kingdom of light and peace, let us pray to the Lord—

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All powerful God, in faith, hope, and love we offer you praise and acknowledge our dependence on you. Hear the prayers of the people who look for the coming of your Son, Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Weekdays in Advent—3**

#### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

With confidence in God’s love for us, we offer our petitions:

That all people will have greater love and respect for all of God’s creation, we pray to the Lord—

That we might spend this season of Advent in fruitful spiritual renewal, we pray to the Lord—

That, like Jesus, we will follow where the Spirit leads us, we pray to the Lord—

That we will work effectively to drive out racism and all forms of discrimination in our society, we pray to the Lord—

That we will be moved to generously support those who are less blessed than we with material goods, we pray to the Lord—

That all who have died will be welcomed to everlasting life, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to the Lord—

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God our Father, as we prepare for the return of your Son, help us through the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this season of Advent so that we might renew your covenant with us. We ask this through Jesus our Lord who lives with you and the same Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

## For Weekdays in Advent—4

### *Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful*

God, you correct but do not abandon your people. We ask you to listen to and answer our prayers.

That we will follow the messengers that God sends us as we prepare our lives for the return of Jesus by this Advent, we pray to the Lord—

That we show the same compassion towards any who offend us that God shows us, we pray to the Lord—

That we will always strive to improve human understanding of divine truth, we pray to the Lord—

That we reject the false gods the media and consumerism present to us, we pray to the Lord—

That as we await the birth of our savior, we always respect all human life from the moment of conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

That our faith in Jesus be strong enough to help us see through the deceptions of secular gospels, we pray to the Lord—

That all who have died will know the mercy of God, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to the Lord—

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God, without you we cannot take even one step out of the darkness that often overwhelms us. May we follow the light of the Holy Spirit and walk with Jesus, our Way, whom you have sent us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.