

COLLECTS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming, *
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son, †
so that, when he comes and knocks, *
he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help, †
that, consoled by the presence of your Son,
whose coming we now await, *
we may be tainted no longer
by the corruption of former ways.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,
by your divine power, †
so that at the coming of Christ your Son
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life *
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our help with mighty strength, †
that what our sins impede *
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Friday

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come, †
that with you to protect us,
we may find rescue
from the pressing dangers of our sins,
and with you to set us free, *
we may be found worthy of salvation.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world
to free the human race from its ancient enslavement, †
bestow on those who devoutly await him
the grace of your compassion from on high, *
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday

Almighty and merciful God, †
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son, *
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday

May our prayer of petition
rise before you, we pray, O Lord, †
that, with purity unblemished,
we, your servants, may come, as we desire, *
to celebrate the great mystery
of the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday

O God, who have shown forth your salvation
to all the ends of the earth, *
grant, we pray,
that we may look forward in joy
to the glorious Nativity of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday

Almighty God, who command us
to prepare the way for Christ the Lord, †
grant in your kindness, we pray,
that no infirmity may weary us *
as we long for the comforting presence
of our heavenly physician.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
to make ready the paths
of your Only Begotten Son, †
that through his coming, *
we may be found worthy to serve you
with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Friday

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God,
may be ever watchful
for the coming of your Only Begotten Son, †
that, as the author of our salvation himself has taught us, *
we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps,
to meet him when he comes.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday

May the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts,
we pray, almighty God, †
that all shadows of the night may be scattered *
and we may be shown to be children of the light
by the advent of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, †
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation *
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday

Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord, †
and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts, *
visit us with the grace of your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday

O God, who through your Only Begotten Son
have made us a new creation, †
look kindly, we pray,
on the handiwork of your mercy, *
and at your Son's coming
cleanse us from every stain of the old way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday

Grant, we pray, almighty God, †
that the coming solemnity of your Son
may bestow healing upon us in this present life *
and bring us the rewards of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday

Unworthy servants that we are, O Lord,
grieved by the guilt of our deeds, *
we pray that you may gladden us
by the saving advent of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Friday

May your grace, almighty God,
always go before us and follow after, †
so that we, who await with heartfelt desire
the coming of your Only Begotten Son, *
may receive your help both now and in the life to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts, †
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel, *
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 17

O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature,
who willed that your Word should take flesh
in an ever-virgin womb, †
look with favor on our prayers, *
that your Only Begotten Son,
having taken to himself our humanity,
may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 18

Grant, we pray, almighty God, †
that we, who are weighed down from of old
by slavery beneath the yoke of sin, *
may be set free by the newness
of the long-awaited Nativity
of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 19

O God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin
graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to the world, †
grant, we pray,
that we may venerate with integrity of faith
the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation *
and always celebrate it with due reverence.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 20

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word
the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel
and so became the dwelling-place of divinity,
filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, †
grant, we pray, that by her example *
we may in humility hold fast to your will.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 21

Hear in kindness, O Lord,
the prayers of your people, †
that those who rejoice
at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh *
may, when at last he comes in glory,
gain the reward of eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 22

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death,
willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, †
grant, we pray,
that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor *
may merit his company as their Redeemer.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 23

Almighty ever-living God,
as we see how the Nativity of your Son
according to the flesh draws near, †
we pray that to us, your unworthy servants,
mercy may flow from your Word, *
who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary
and establish among us his dwelling,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 24

Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus,
and do not delay, †
that those who trust in your compassion *
may find solace and relief in your coming.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
[CHRISTMAS]

Evening Prayer I (Vigil Mass)

O God, who gladden us year by year
as we wait in hope for our redemption, †
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, *
we may also merit to face him confidently
when he comes again as our Judge.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Morning Prayer (Mass at Dawn)

Grant, we pray, almighty God, †
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, *
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Office of Readings, Daytime Prayer, and Evening Prayer II (Mass during the Day)

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it, †
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ, *
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family, †
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, *
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 26

Grant, we pray, almighty God, †
that the newness of the Nativity in the flesh
of your Only Begotten Son may set us free, *
for ancient servitude holds us bound
beneath the yoke of sin.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 27

Grant, we pray, almighty God, †
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, *
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 28

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it, †
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ, *
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 29

Almighty and invisible God,
who dispersed the darkness of this world
by the coming of your light, †
look, we pray, with serene countenance upon us, *
that we may acclaim with fitting praise
the greatness of the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 30

Grant, we pray, almighty God, †
that the newness of the Nativity in the flesh
of your Only Begotten Son may set us free, *
for ancient servitude holds us bound
beneath the yoke of sin.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

December 31

Almighty and ever-living God,
who in the Nativity of your Son
established the beginning and fulfillment of all religion, †
grant, we pray, that we may be numbered
among those who belong to him, *
in whom is the fullness of human salvation.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

January 1

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation, †
grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her, *
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY [CHRISTMAS]

Almighty ever-living God,
splendor of faithful souls, †
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, *
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME

Monday before the Epiphany

Grant you people, O Lord, we pray,
unshakable strength of faith, †
so that all who profess that your Only Begotten Son
is with you for ever in your glory
and was born of the Virgin Mary
in a body truly like our own *
may be freed from present trials
and given a place in abiding gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday before the Epiphany

O God, who in the blessed childbearing of the holy Virgin Mary
kept the flesh of your Son
free from the sentence incurred by the human race, †
grant, we pray,
that we, who have been taken up into this new creation, *
may be freed from the ancient taint of sin.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday before the Epiphany

Grant us, almighty God, † that the bringer of your salvation,
who for the world's redemption came forth with newness of heavenly light, *
may dawn afresh in our hearts and bring us constant renewal.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday before the Epiphany

O God, who by the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son
wondrously began for your people the work of redemption, †
grant, we pray, to your servants such firmness of faith, *
that by his guidance they may attain the glorious prize you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday before the Epiphany

Cast your kindly light upon your faithful, Lord, we pray, †
and with the splendor of your glory
set their hearts ever aflame, *
that they may never cease to acknowledge their Savior
and may truly hold fast to him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday before the Epiphany

Almighty ever-living God,
who were pleased to shine forth with new light
through the coming of your Only Begotten Son, †
grant, we pray,
that, just as he was pleased to share our bodily form
through the childbearing of the Virgin Mary, *
so we, too, may one day merit
to become companions in his kingdom of grace.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Evening Prayer I (Vigil Mass)

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,
shed its light upon our hearts, †
that we may pass through the shadows of this world *
and reach the brightness of our eternal home.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

During the day

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star, †
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith, *
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME

Monday after the Epiphany

O God, whose eternal Word adorns the face of the heavens
yet accepted from the Virgin Mary the frailty of our flesh, †
grant, we pray,
that he who appeared among us as the splendor of truth *
may go forth in the fullness of power
for the redemption of the world.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday after the Epiphany

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh, †
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed *
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday after the Epiphany

O God, who bestow light on all the nations,
grant your peoples the gladness of lasting peace †
and pour into our hearts that brilliant light *
by which you purified the minds of our fathers in faith.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday after the Epiphany

O God, who through your Son raised up your eternal light for all nations, †
grant that your people may come to acknowledge
the full splendor of their Redeemer, *
that, bathed ever more in his radiance,
they may reach everlasting glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Friday after the Epiphany

Grant, we ask, almighty God, †
that the Nativity of the Savior of the world,
made known by the guidance of a star, *
may be revealed ever more fully to our minds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday after the Epiphany

Almighty ever-living God,
who through your Only Begotten Son
have made us a new creation for yourself, †
grant, we pray,
that by your grace we may be found in the likeness of him, *
in whom our nature is united to you.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son, †
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, *
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, †
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh, †
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed *
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, *
one God, for ever and ever.