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THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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Tone for the intercessions: from the missal

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Tone for the introductory prayer: adapted by Ben Yanke

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## THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK

The purpose of this book is two-fold. Firstly, it can be used as a book on the ambo or pulpit to sing the actual intentions out of, and also, another copy can be used as a book for the celebrant, possibly held by a server, for the priest to chant the accompanying prayers before and after the intentions, and to follow along while the intentions are being sung. Included in this book are:

- 1) The different formularies found in Appendix V on pp. 1461 of the Roman Missal, all set to the music (Tone C from the Missal).
- 2) The various tones for singing both the intercessions, and for the concluding oration by the celebrant prepared for singing, in both the simple and solemn tones, should you choose to use your own text for the universal prayer.

To get in touch with me, email me by visiting to [WWW.BLOG.YANKEHOME.COM/CONTACT](http://WWW.BLOG.YANKEHOME.COM/CONTACT). I hope this book assists you bring the sung sacred liturgy to realization in your parish community. I also want to thank everyone at the CMAA for helping me to discover even at a young age the great treasury of sacred music our Church has to offer. May God bless you.

In Christ,  
Ben Yanke

## THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world.

The series of intentions is usually to be:

- a) for the needs of the Church;
- b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d) for the local community.

Nevertheless, in any particular celebration, such as a Confirmation, a Marriage, or at a Funeral, the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion.

It is for the Priest Celebrant to regulate this prayer from the chair. He himself begins it with a brief introduction, by which he calls upon the faithful to pray, and likewise he concludes it with an oration. The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community.

They are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful.

The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence.

From The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, nos. 69-71

ADD OTHER GIRM QUOTES ABOUT THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER, LIKE THAT ONE ABOUT THE DEACON IN THE 300s AND THOSE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCLAIM THEM.

Maybe add that little not I saw somewhere about using the solemn tone all through the Mass, or the simple tone all through the Mass. I think it was inline in Bishop's missal, or in the appendix.

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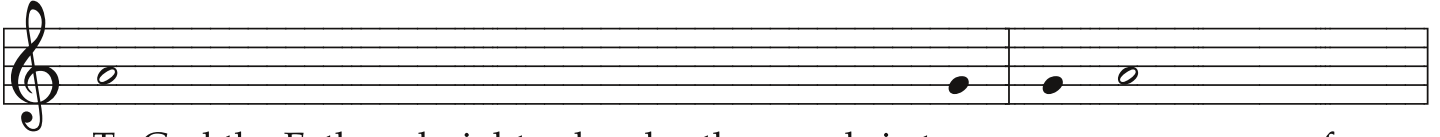


# THE FORMULAS FROM THE MISSAL

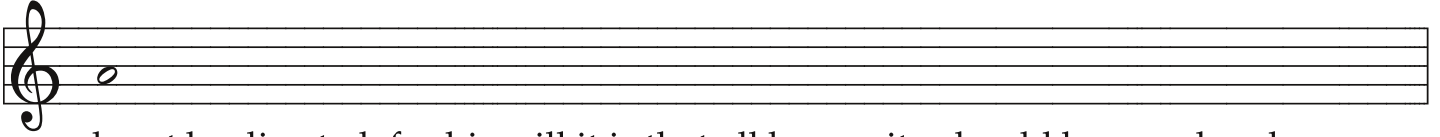


# 1. GENERAL FORMULA I

## Priest's Introduction



To God the Father almighty, dear brothers and sis-ters, may every prayer of our

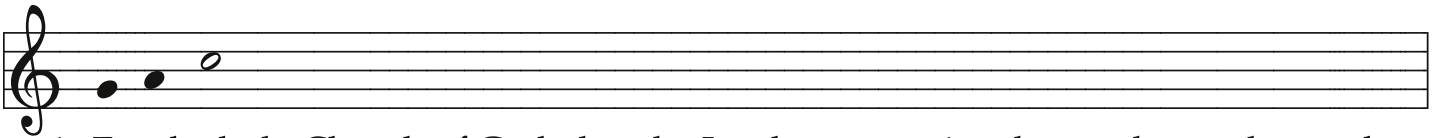


heart be directed, for his will it is that all humanity should be saved and come



to the know-ledge of the truth.

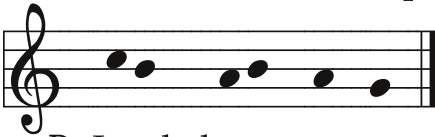
## Intentions



1. For the holy Church of God, that the Lord may graciously watch over her and

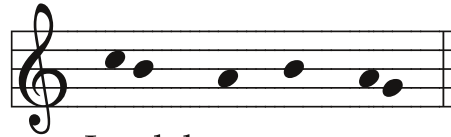


care for her, let us pray to the Lord.

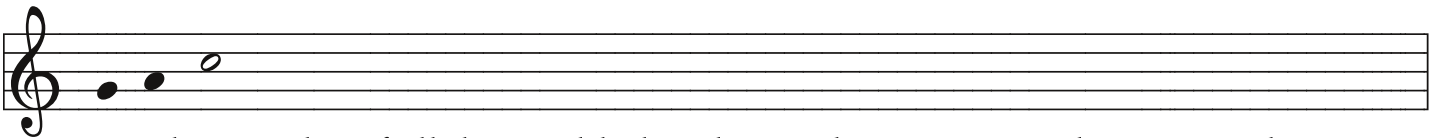


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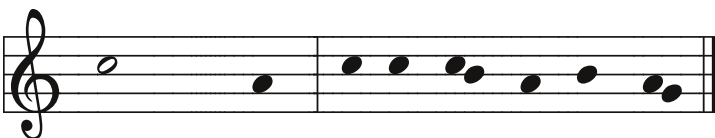
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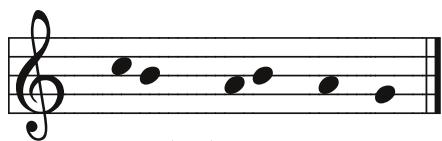
Lord, hear our prayer.



2. For the peoples of all the world, that the Lord may graciously preserve harmony



among them, let us pray to the Lord.

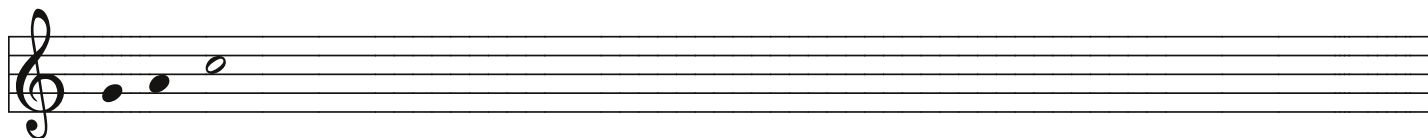


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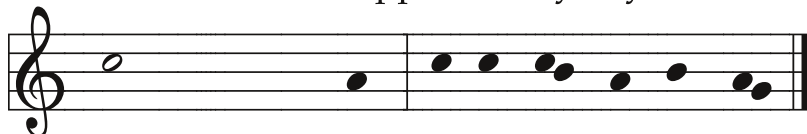
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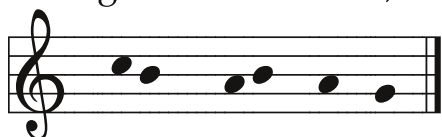
Lord, hear our prayer.



3. For all who are oppressed by any kind of need, that the Lord may graciously

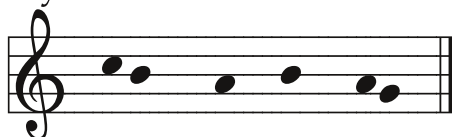


grant them re-lief, let us pray to the Lord.

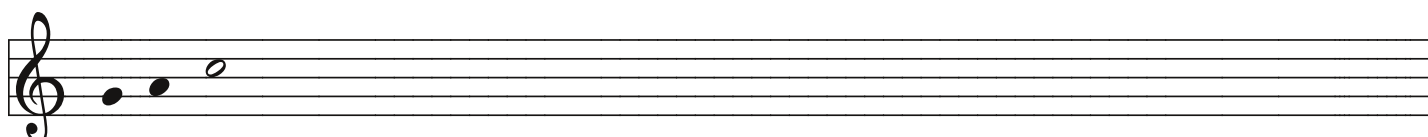


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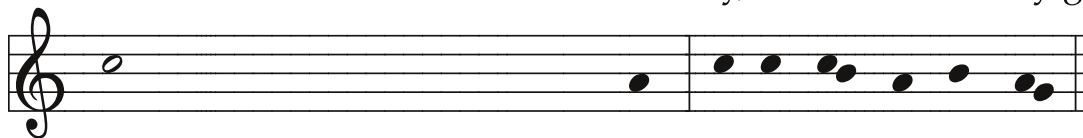
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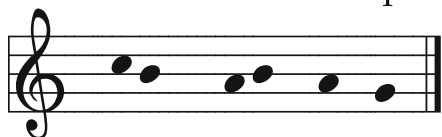
Lord, hear our prayer.



4. For ourselves and our own community, that the Lord may graciously receive us



as a sacrifice acceptable to him-self, let us pray to the Lord.



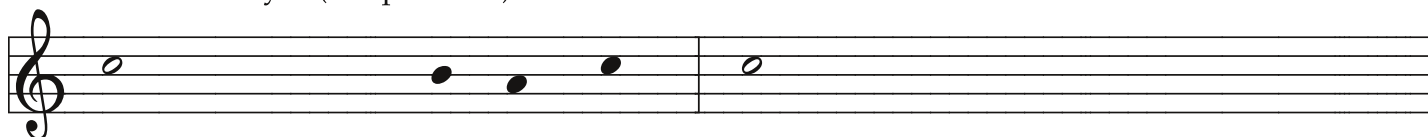
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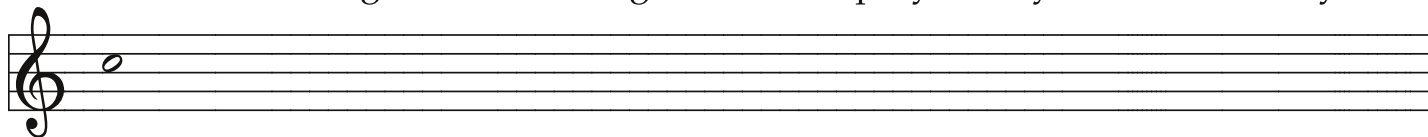


Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest's Prayer (Simple Tone)



O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you



yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in

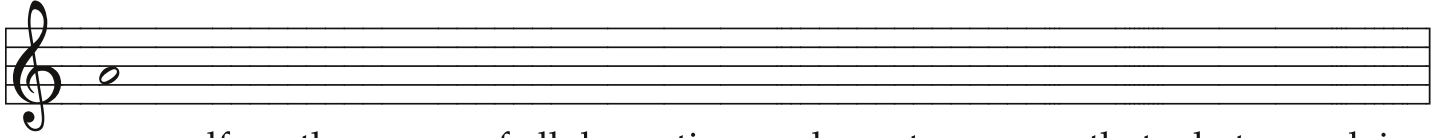


faith we may truly ob-tain. Through Christ our Lord. R̄ A-men.

Priest's Prayer (Solemn Tone)



O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you



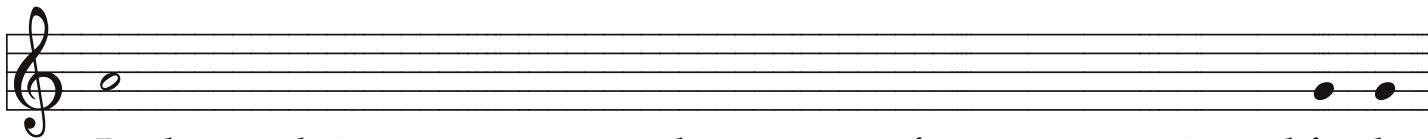
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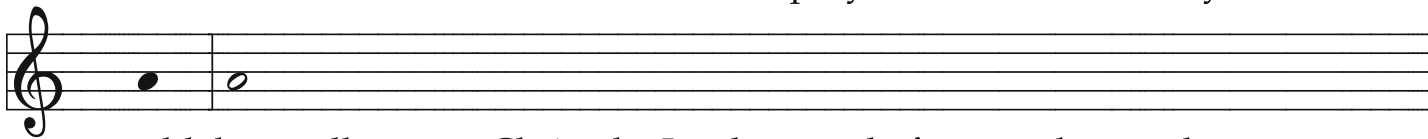
faith we may tru-ly ob-tain. Through Christ our Lord. R̄ A-men.

## 2. GENERAL FORMULA II

## Priest's Introduction



Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for our community and for the

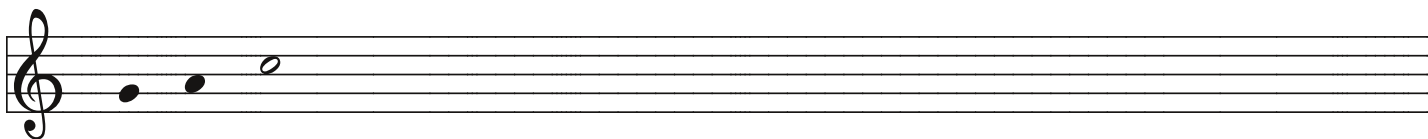


world, let us all pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own



needs, but for the en-ti-re pe-ople.

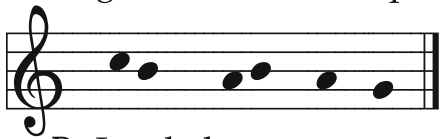
## Intentions



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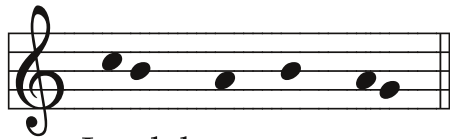


good-ness, let us pray to the Lord.

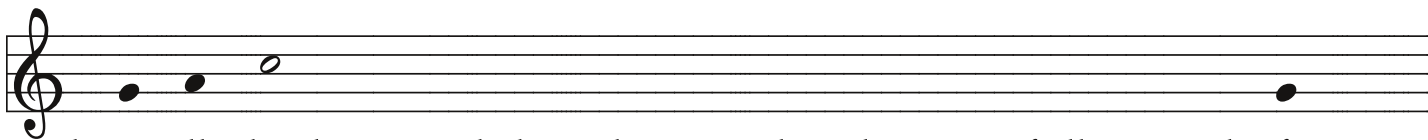


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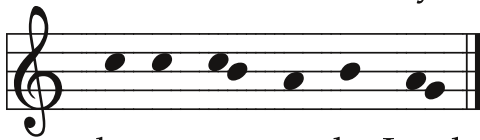
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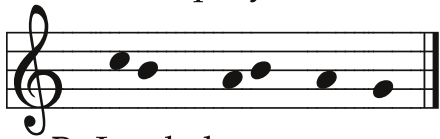
Lord, hear our prayer.



1b. For all who do not yet believe, let us implore the giver of all spiritual gifts,

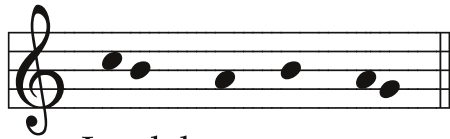


let us pray to the Lord.

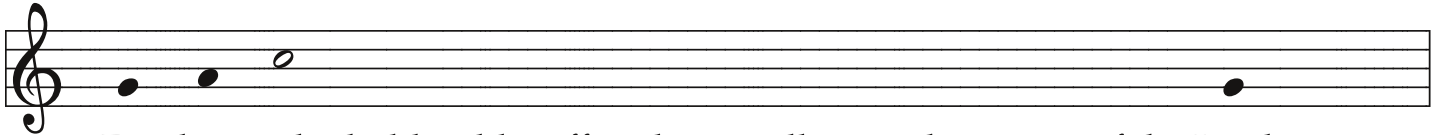


℞ Lord, have mer-cy.

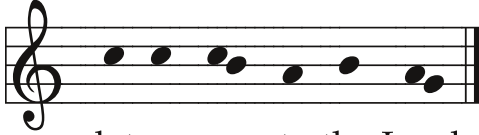
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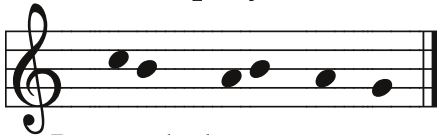
Lord, hear our prayer.



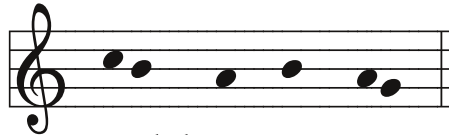
2a. For those who hold public office, let us call upon the power of the Lord.



let us pray to the Lord.

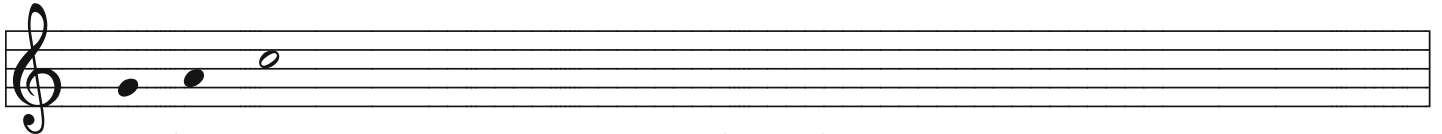


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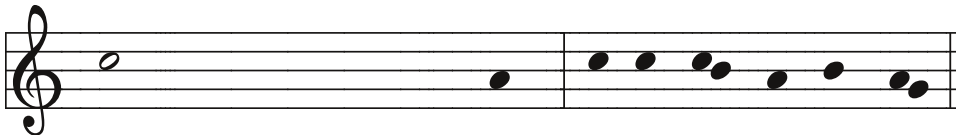


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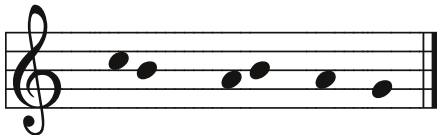
Lord, hear our prayer.



2b. For favorable weather and abundant fruits from the earth, let us entreat the



Lord, the ruler of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

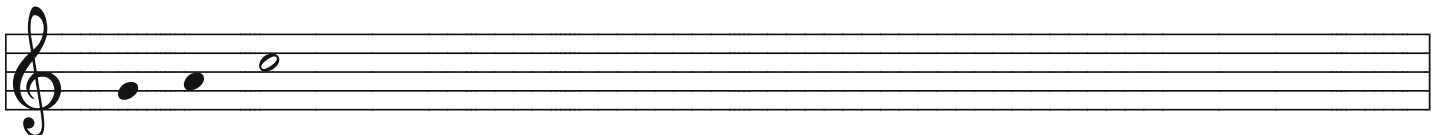


℞ Lord, have mer-cy.

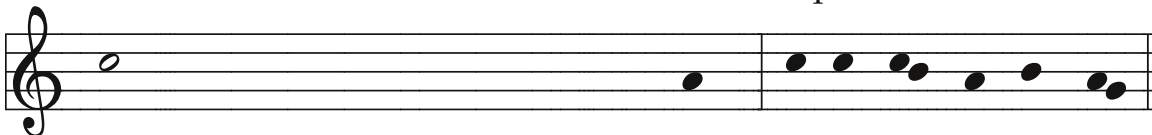
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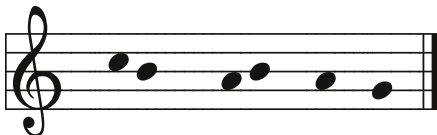
Lord, hear our prayer.



3a. For our brothers and sisters who cannot be present at this sacred assembly, let



us beseech him who observes all things, let us pray to the Lord.

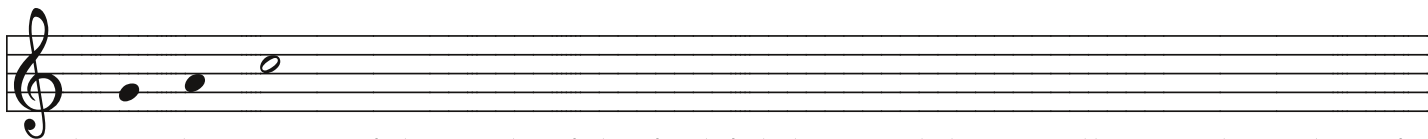


℞ Lord, have mer-cy.

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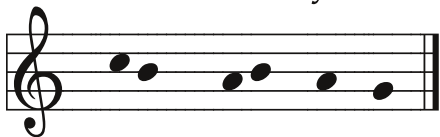
Lord, hear our prayer.



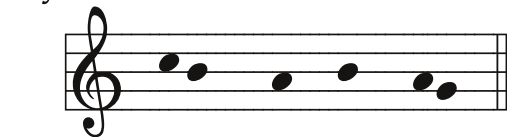
3b. For the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, let us call upon the judge of



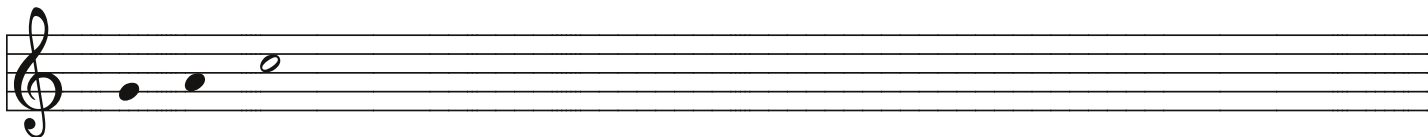
all human-i-ty, let us pray to the Lord.



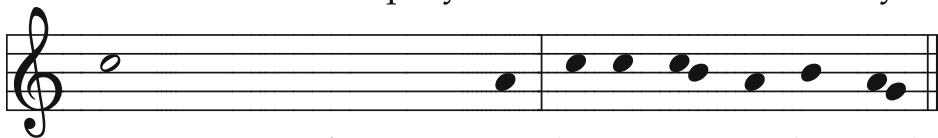
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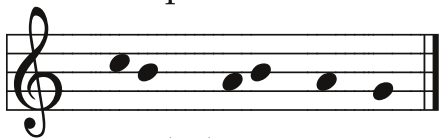
or Lord, hear our prayer.



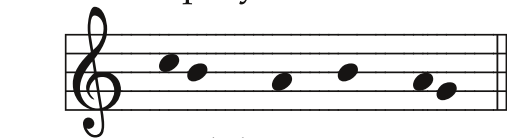
4a. For all of us who pray in faith and ask the mercy of the Lord, let us entreat the



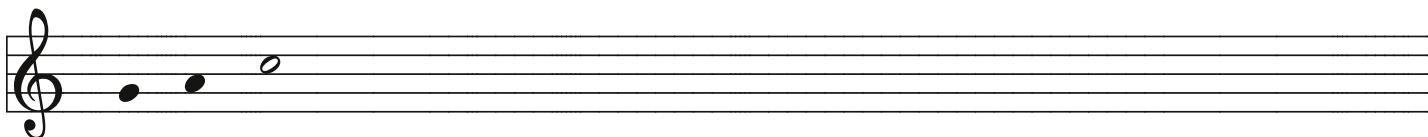
compassion of our Sav-ior, let us pray to the Lord.



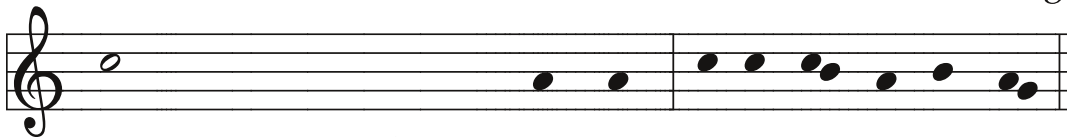
℞ Lord, have mer-cy.



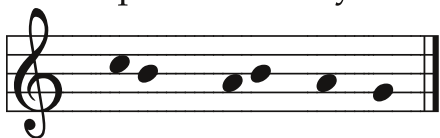
or Lord, hear our prayer.



4b. For ourselves and those close to us who await the Lord's goodness, let us call



upon the mercy of Christ the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

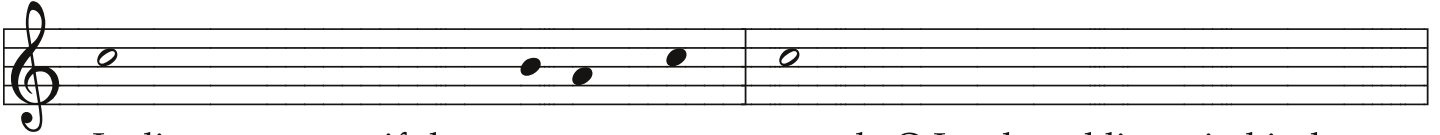


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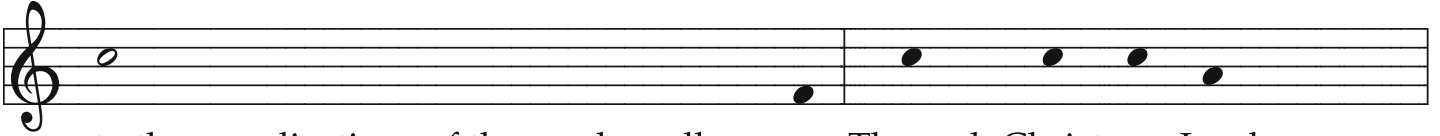


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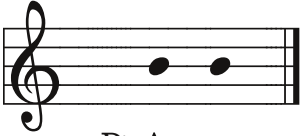
## Priest's Prayer (Simple Tone)



Incline your merciful ear to our prayers, we ask, O Lord, and listen in kindness

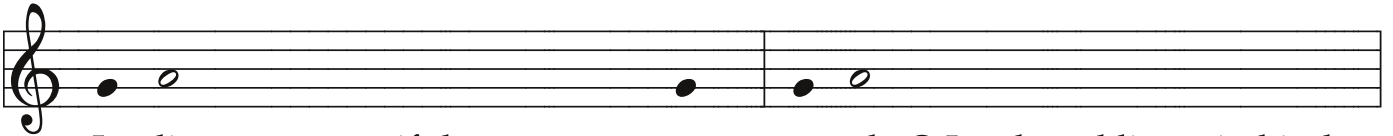


to the supplications of those who call on you. Through Christ our Lord



℞ A-men.

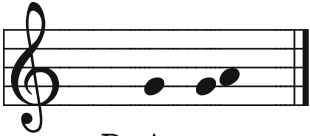
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In-cline your merciful ear to our prayers, we ask, O Lord, and listen in kindness



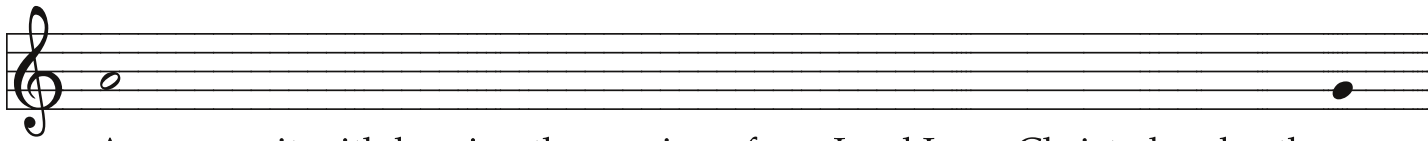
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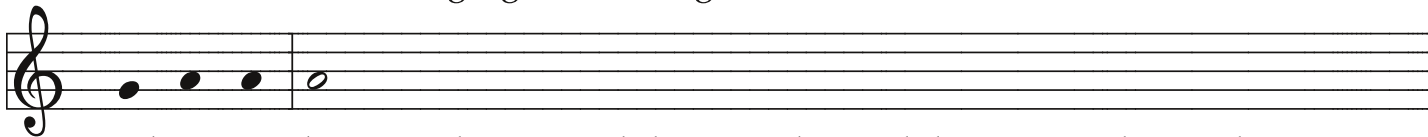
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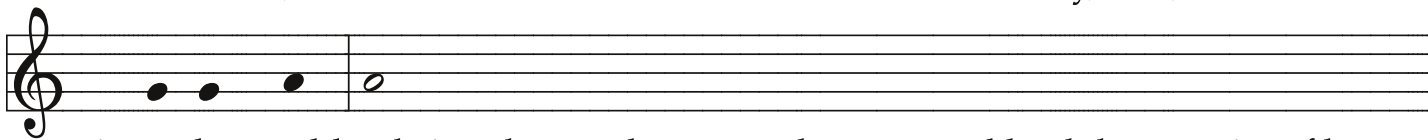
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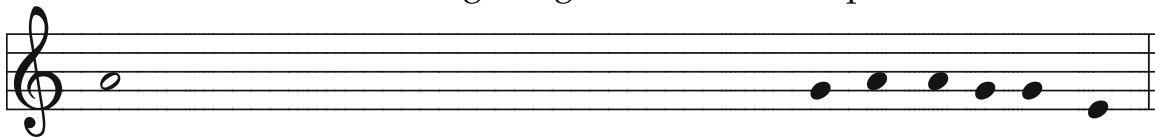
As we await with longing the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, dear broth-ers



and sis-ters, let us with renewed devotion beseech his mercy, that, as he came

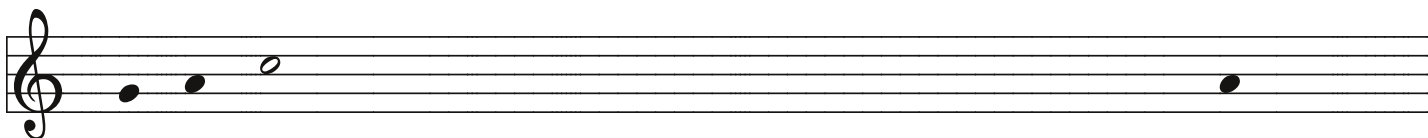


in-to the world to bring the good news to the poor and heal the contrite of heart,

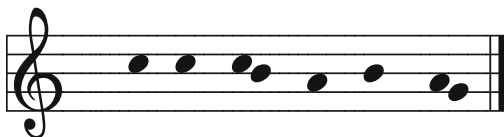


so in our own time, also, he may bring sal-va-tion to all in need.

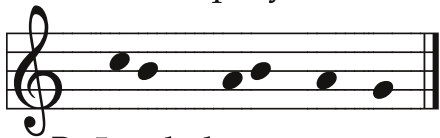
Intentions



1a. That Christ may visit his holy Church and keep watch over her al-ways,



let us pray to the Lord.

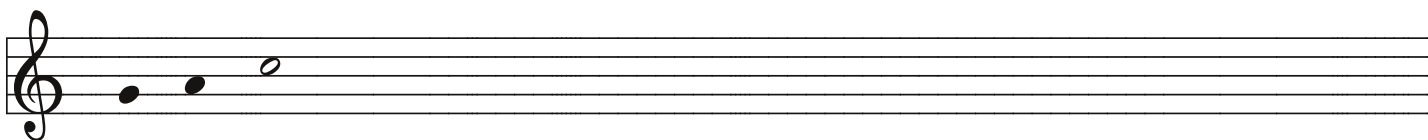


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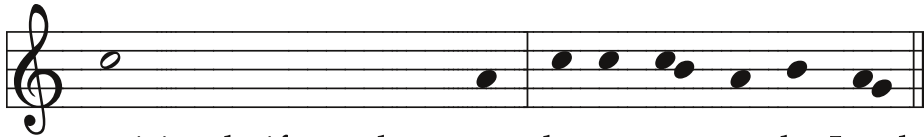


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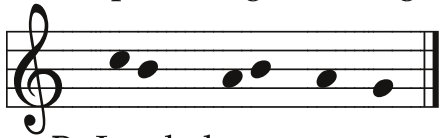


1b. That Christ may fill the Pope, our Bishop, and the whole Order of Bishops with

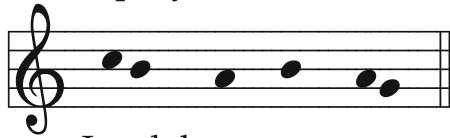




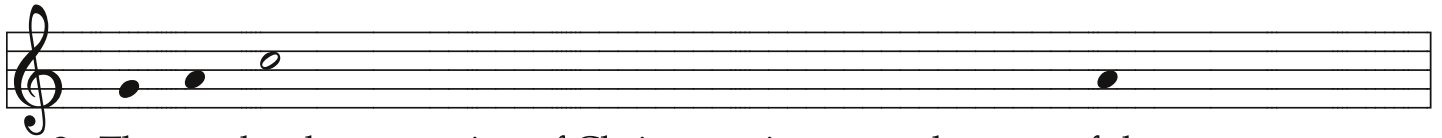
spiritual gifts and gra-ces, let us pray to the Lord.



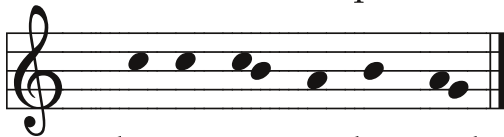
℞ Lord, have mer-cy.



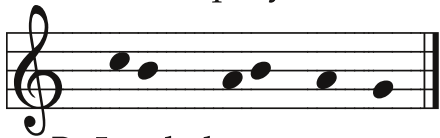
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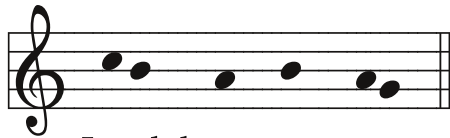
2a. That under the protection of Christ our times may be peace-ful,



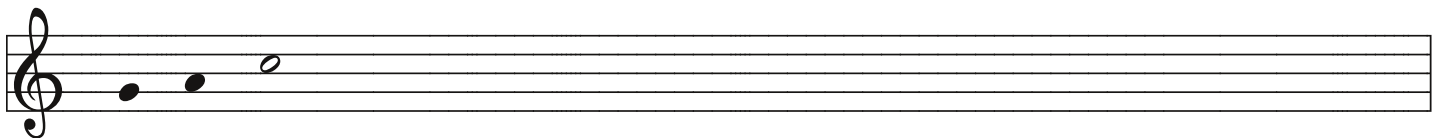
let us pray to the Lord.



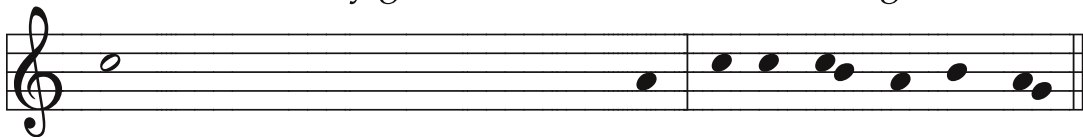
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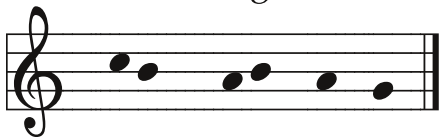
or Lord, hear our prayer.



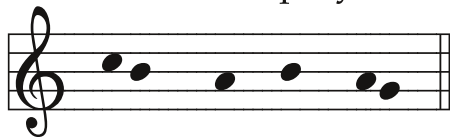
2b. That Christ may guide the minds of those who govern us to promote the



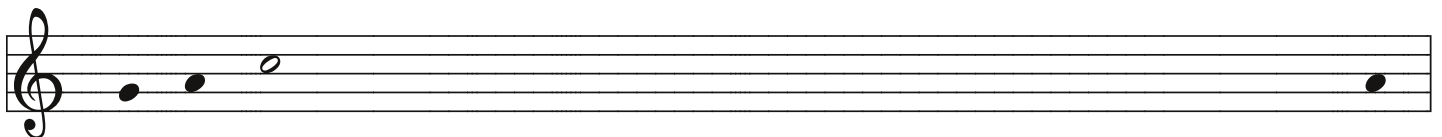
common good according to his will, let us pray to the Lord.



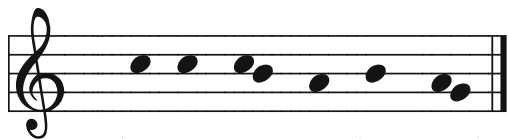
℞ Lord, have mer-cy.



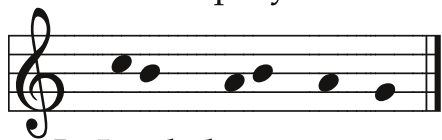
or Lord, hear our prayer.



3a. That Christ may banish disease, drive out hunger, and ward off every afflic-tion,



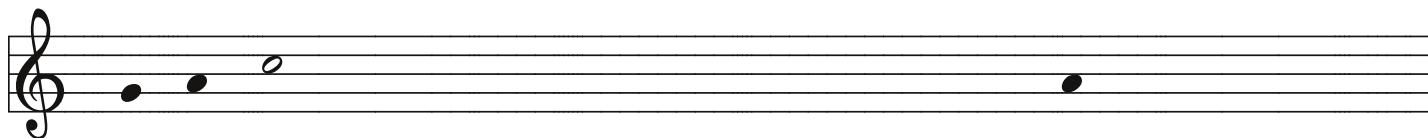
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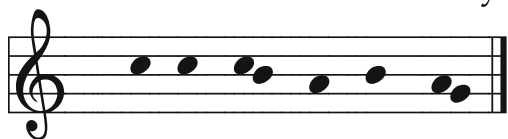
℞ Lord, have mer-cy. *or*



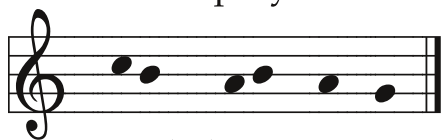
Lord, hear our prayer.



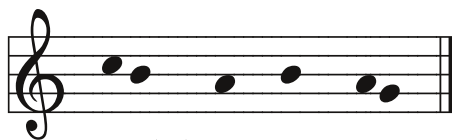
3b. That Christ in his mercy may free all who suffer persecu-tion,



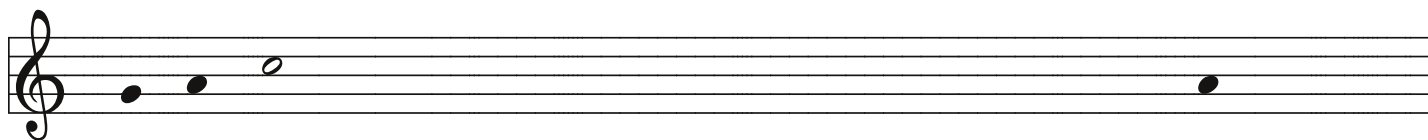
let us pray to the Lord.



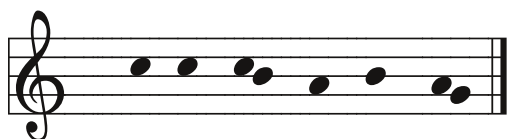
℞ Lord, have mer-cy. *or*



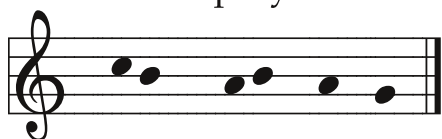
Lord, hear our prayer.



3b. That as witnesses to Christ's love before all we may abide in the truth,



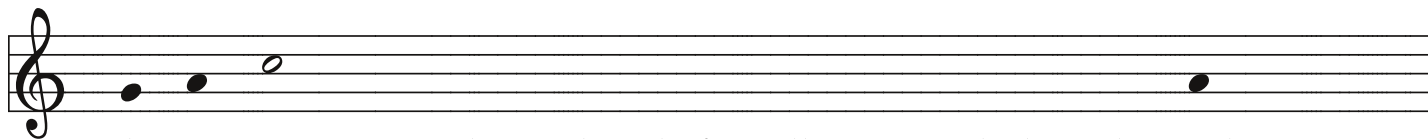
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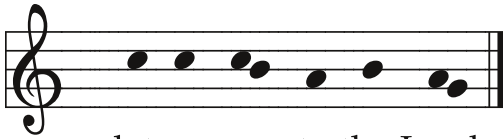
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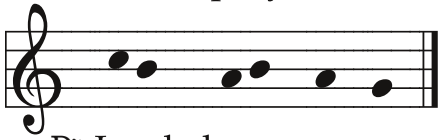
Lord, hear our prayer.



4a. That as witnesses to Christ's love before all we may abide in the truth,

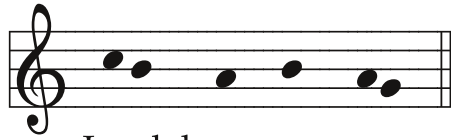


let us pray to the Lord.

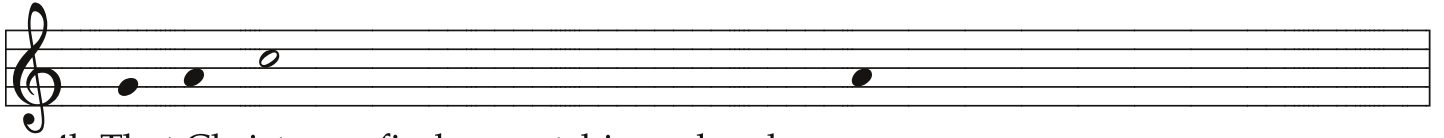


℞ Lord, have mer-cy.

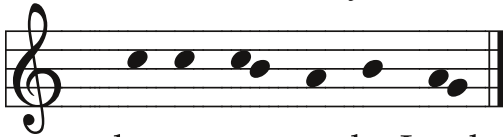
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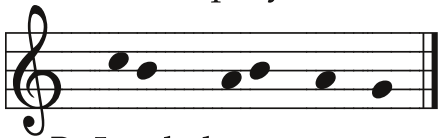
Lord, hear our prayer.



4b. That Christ may find us watching when he comes,

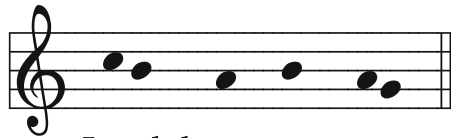


let us pray to the Lord.



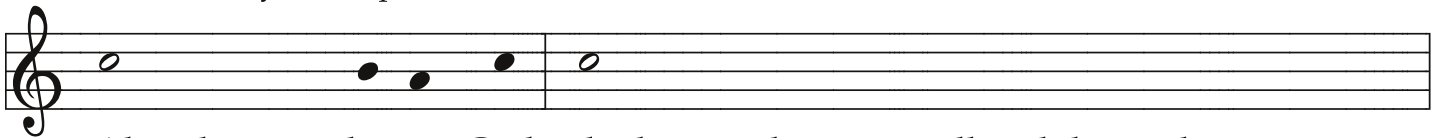
℞ Lord, have mer-cy.

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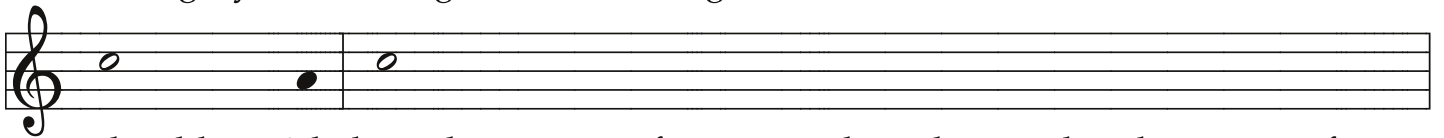


Lord, hear our prayer.

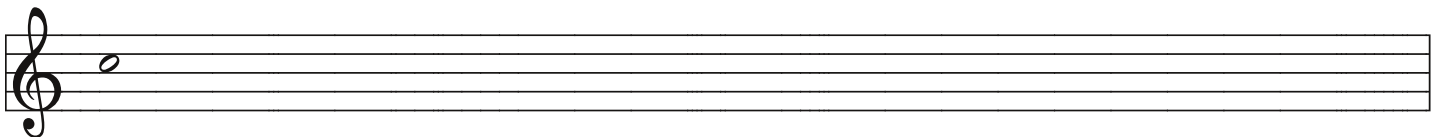
Priest's Prayer (Simple Tone)



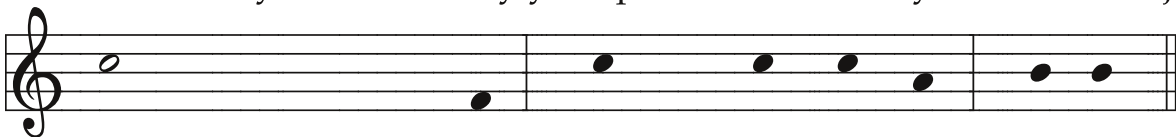
Almighty ever-liv-ing God, who bring salvation to all and desire that no one



should per-ish, hear the prayers of your people and grant that the course of our

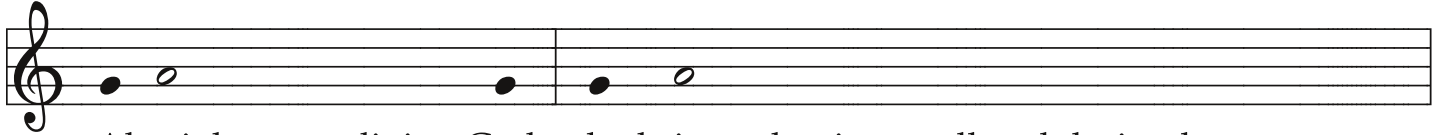


world may be directed by your peaceful rule and your Church rejoice in

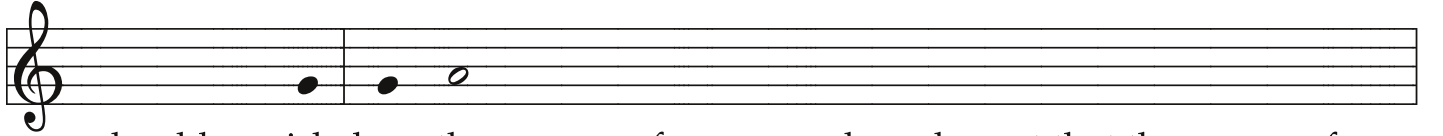


tranquility and devo-tion. Through Christ our Lord. ℞ A-men.

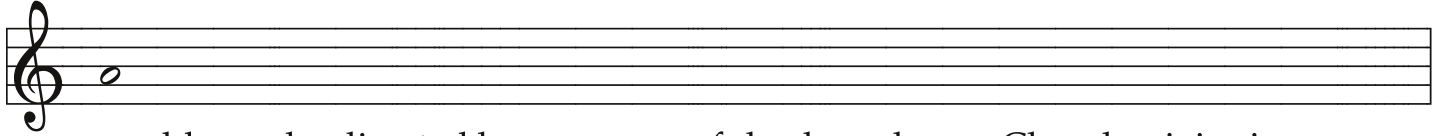
## Priest's Prayer (Solemn Tone)



Al-mighty ever-living God, who bring salvation to all and desire that no one



should per-ish, hear the prayers of your people and grant that the course of our



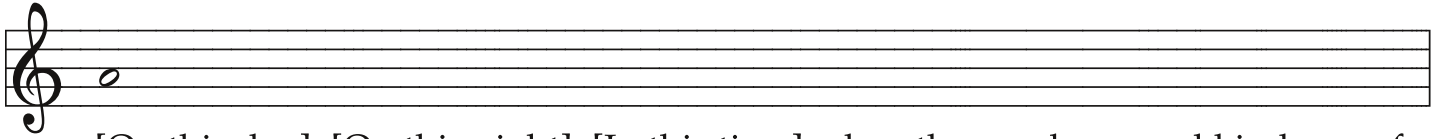
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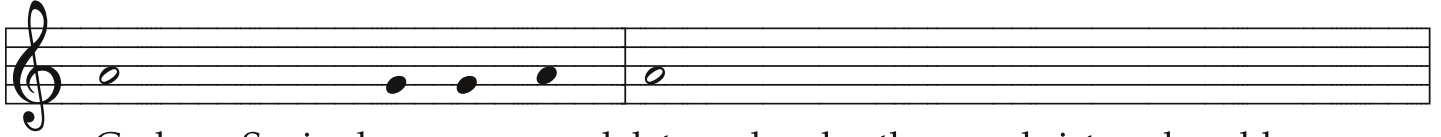
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## 4. CHRISTMAS TIME

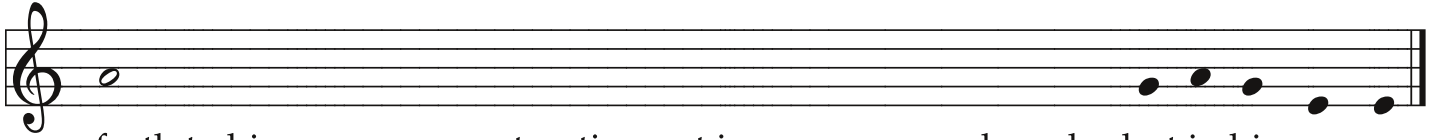
Priest's Introduction



[On this day], [On this night], [In this time] when the goodness and kindness of

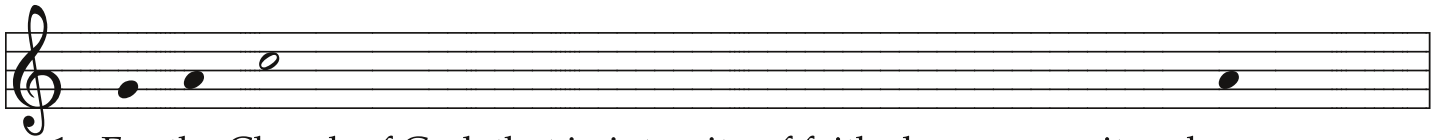


God our Savior have ap-peared, let us, dear brothers and sisters, humbly pour

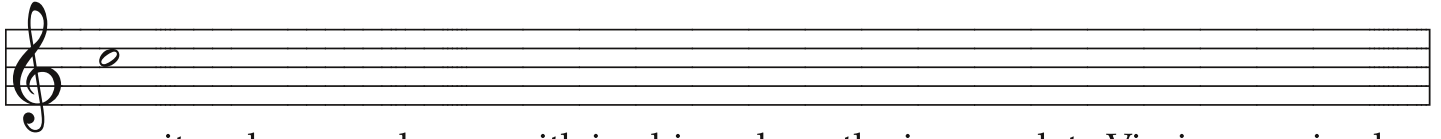


forth to him our prayers, trusting not in our own good works, but in his mer-cy.

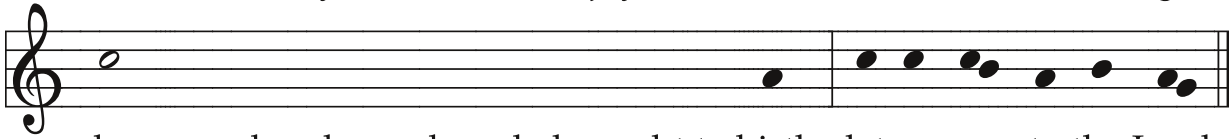
Intentions



1. For the Church of God, that in integrity of faith she may await and may



await and may welcome with joy him whom the immaculate Virgin conceived



by a word and wondrously brought to birth, let us pray to the Lord.



℞ Lord, have mer-cy.

or



Lord, hear our prayer.





