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Daily Evening Prayer for Advent for Christmas 2020

Opening Sentence of Scripture

DURING ADVENT:

Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35-36*

DURING CHRISTMASTIDE:

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All may kneel. The Officiant and People say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitatory

○ Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

○ God, make speed to save us;

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

O Gladsome Light *Phos hilaron*

O gladsome light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, *

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light, *

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, *

O Son of God, O Giver of Life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalms

One or more Psalms are read, after which is said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

A selection from Scripture is read, after which is said:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magificat - Luke 1:46-55*

My soul magnifies the Lord, *

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded *

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on, *

all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me, *

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him, *

throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm; *

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, *

as he promised to our fathers,

Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

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

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

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

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the
communion of The Table and all your saints, entrusting one
another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day

(from the previous Sunday)

First Sunday in Advent *(November 29, 2020 and weekdays after)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in
which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that
in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life
immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Feast of Saint Andrew *(November 30, 2020)*

Almighty God, you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that
he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought
his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word,
grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us
into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday in Advent *(December 6, 2020 and weekdays after)*

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Third Sunday in Advent *(December 13, 2020 and weekdays after)*

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday in Advent *(December 20, 2020 until Christmas)*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Feast of Saint Thomas *(December 21, 2020)*

Everliving God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Christmas Eve *(December 24, 2020)*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Christmas Day *(December 25, 2020)*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Feast of Saint Stephen *(December 26, 2020)*

O Glorious Lord, your servant Stephen looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors: Grant that in all our sufferings here upon earth we may love and forgive our enemies, looking steadfastly to Jesus Christ our Lord, who sits at your right hand and intercedes for us; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Sunday of Christmas *(December 27 and weekdays after)*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Feast of Saint John the Evangelist *(December 27, 2020)*

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Feast of the Holy Innocents *(December 28, 2020)*

Almighty God, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the Holy Innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Circumcision and Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ *(Jan 1)*

Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday of Christmas *(January 3, 2020 until Epiphany)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Then follows:

A Collect For Peace

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect For Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer For Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Personal Prayer

Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered, after each is said:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

8 A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Grace *Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope + fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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