



# LET US PRAY TO THE LORD

Prayers of the Faithful  
for all Sundays, Solemnities,  
Major Feasts and Other Occasions.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Year C**

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**Celebrant:**

**At the beginning of the new Church year, let us intercede for others. Our charity shows that we are watching and waiting for the glorious coming of our Savior.**

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1. That this season of vigil may find all members of the Church drawn to prayer and penance, let us pray to the Lord.
  2. That all world leaders may realize that the destiny of nations is in God's control, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. That God's grace may touch hearts hardened by the cares of life, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. That we may look to the future, not in fear, but in hope and confidence, let us pray to the Lord.
- A.** For our sick, bereaved, etc., special projects or events.
- B.** That the Son of Man may grant his salvation to those who have died, especially **N.**  
— let us pray to the Lord.
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**Celebrant:**

**Graciously hear the prayers  
of your family,  
most merciful Father.**

**Amidst all the turmoil and change in our lives,  
we wait for the coming of your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

**R). Amen.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Year A

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#### Celebrant:

**God gives us the living water, our true salvation. Let us pray to the Father for all who thirst for his divine life.**

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1. That Christians everywhere may respond to the word of God during this holy season, let us pray to the Lord.
  2. That God's People may worship him "in spirit and truth" and reject the temptations of evil, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. That those who have rejected God may turn to him and know his loving mercy in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. That, through sincere confession of their own sins, those gathered here may be at peace with God and one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- A. *For our sick, bereaved, etc., special projects or events.*
- B. That the water of the spirit, "welling up to eternal life," may purify our dead, especially *N.*  
— let us pray to the Lord.
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#### Celebrant:

**Most loving Father,  
through Jesus we have entered the life of grace,  
and your Spirit has been poured into our hearts.  
Receive the prayers we offer in faith,  
through Christ our Lord.**

*R.* Amen.



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year A, B, C. Solemnity

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### Celebrant:

**When our risen Savior ascended into heaven, angels reminded his disciples that he would come back again. Until he comes, we continue his work by praying for all peoples and their needs.**

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1. That the Church on earth will ever keep to its evangelical mission of making disciples of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.
  2. That the leaders of the world may realize that they must give an account of their work to Jesus Christ when he returns as our judge, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. That no one will be so attached to this earth as to regret being called to eternal life in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. That we may all come to the maturity of faith in the fullness of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- A. *For our sick, bereaved, etc., special projects or events.*
- B. That all our dead may ascend to glory with Christ our priest and king, especially *N.*  
— let us pray to the Lord.
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### Celebrant:

**God our Father in heaven,  
your Son is now seated at your right hand,  
enthroned in eternal glory.  
We make our petitions through him,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

*R.* Amen.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Year C

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#### Celebrant:

**God gives us so much, the life of grace, healing, pardon. But we take him for granted. We forget to thank him. Let us bring our intercessions before him today in a spirit of gratitude.**

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1. For the Church on earth, that she may continue to heal broken lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
  2. For the community of our nation N., that we may protect the rights of minority groups, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. For those who work in hospitals and nursing homes, that they may use skill with compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. For ourselves, that we may humbly thank God for the gift of faith, let us pray to the Lord.
    - A. For our sick, bereaved, etc., special projects or events.
    - B. For those who have died with Christ, that they may live and reign with him, especially N.  
— let us pray to the Lord.
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#### Celebrant:

**Bountiful Father,  
hear the prayers of your people,  
who thank you in the perfect way,  
by offering the holy Eucharist.  
We ask this, through Christ our Lord.**

**R/. Amen.**

**STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**June 29,\* Solemnity**

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**Celebrant:**

**We bring our intentions to the Father with the same faith of the Apostles, St. Peter, the fisherman, on whom the Church is built, and St. Paul, the teacher of so many nations.**

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1. For our Pope *N.*, the successor of St. Peter, that he may bear the keys of the kingdom with wisdom and a pastor's love, let us pray to the Lord.
  2. For the nations where Christ is not known, that missionaries with the zeal of St. Paul may bring them the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. For those seeking the truth, that they may be one with us in the peace and unity of the Church that is Catholic and apostolic, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. For fidelity and loyalty, that we may love our faith and eagerly share it with others, let us pray to the Lord.
- A. For our sick, bereaved, etc., special projects or events.*
- B. For the souls of the departed, that they may be made worthy of "the crown of righteousness," especially *N.**  
— let us pray to the Lord.
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**Celebrant:**

**Almighty God and Father,  
hear the prayers of this community,  
gathered in the faith of the apostles  
and helped by their intercession.  
We ask this, through Christ our Lord.**

*R). Amen.*

*\* In Australia, celebrated on the Sunday on or next after June 29.*

## **MARRIAGE**

### **Nuptial Mass**

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#### **Celebrant:**

**God the Father, source of all life and love, willed that husband and wife should become one flesh in marriage. Let us pray to him in sincerity of heart on this joyous occasion.**

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1. For *N.* and *N.*, that their love for each other may be patterned on Christ's love for his bride, the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
  - 2.\* For fruitful love, that *N.* and *N.* will share in God's creative work and enjoy the gift of children, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. For the parents (or friends) of *N.* and *N.*, that they will continue to support them on the journey which begins at this altar, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. For those preparing for their marriage day, that they may understand well the dignity and responsibilities of the marriage covenant and family life, let us pray to the Lord.
  5. For married people everywhere, that they will live in love and faithfulness, for better, for worse, in joy or in sorrow, all the days of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
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#### **Celebrant:**

**Father of life and love,  
in union with Mary our Mother,  
who was a wedding guest at Cana,  
we make our requests in prayer,  
through Christ our Lord.**

**R). Amen.**

*\* Omitted if the husband and wife are past the age of child-bearing.*

**NATIONAL CALENDAR FOR THE UNITED STATES  
THANKSGIVING DAY**

**Fourth Thursday in November, Feast**

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**Celebrant:**

**Let us come to God our Father in prayer, with gratitude for his providence in the history of our beloved nation.**

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1. That the rights and freedom of our Church may always be respected, let us pray to the Lord.
  2. That God will guide and protect our President, the senators and congressmen, the governors and members of State legislatures, let us pray to the Lord.
  3. That all members of our democracy will enjoy freedom, employment, prosperity, and civil rights, let us pray to the Lord.
  4. That we will always be thankful to God for the bounty of this land, let us pray to the Lord.
- A. For our sick, bereaved, etc., special projects or events.**
- B. That our forebears may rest in the peace of Christ, especially *N.***  
— let us pray to the Lord.
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**Celebrant:**

**God our Father,  
you led our ancestors  
to this beautiful land of freedom.  
Accept our prayers,  
united to the Eucharist of your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

***R.* Amen.**