



THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

PRAYING WITH THE CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish, this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the "leader" parts, and others respond. Gospel readings for each Sunday can be found at www.universalis.com

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 87: 3

A: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Introduction

L: Let us open ourselves to the Word of Jesus, that we may be generous, asking for mercy and praising God as we say:

Gloria

A: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening prayer

L: Let us pray.

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

You can read all the Scriptures appointed for this Sunday, or just the Gospel passage. Read slowly, and even if on your own, read out loud!

The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Reflection

Read through the Gospel passage again, using these questions to help you in your reflection:

- Are there any words or phrases that jump out of this passage? Do I clearly understand what is being said?
- What might this passage be saying in the context of my week? How does it relate to our world today?
- Can I hear the Lord Jesus addressing a word, thought or idea to me from this passage?
- What message (resolution/encouragement) can I take from this passage for the week to come?

If gathering as a family, perhaps now continue to have a discussion about what this celebration means to you and share some ideas about key message you take from the Scriptures today.

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

You should spend some time now thinking of your prayers this Sunday: these intercessions suggest the "themes" of your weekly prayer:

L: Let us pray to the Lord now, for the needs of the Church and the whole world.

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world, thinking this Sunday in particular of ...

Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world in which we live, remembering especially this week ...

Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in particular need at this time, especially ...

Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our own family and friends, and for our Parish community, praying this week in particular for ...

Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the bereaved and the faithful departed, especially ...

Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

Spend some more time silently thinking of your own prayers this Sunday.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

L: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

L: O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

Preparation for Spiritual Communion

L: Loving Father, through his Paschal Mystery, Jesus your Son accomplished the marvellous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light. The night before he died, taking bread and wine, the fruits of the earth, gave himself as a perfect offering to you, and to be with his friends always. Even though we are not in Church, and not able to receive communion today, we open our minds and hearts now to your generous love and the gift of Jesus your Son, welcoming him spiritually into our lives.

Spiritual Communion

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Pause for a moment of silent prayer and reflection.

Thanksgiving Psalm

Psalm 127(128)

L: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

A: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

L: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

A: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

L: Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table.

A: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

L: Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace!

A: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Final Prayer and Blessing

L: Let us pray.

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

L: May the Lord ✠ bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

A: Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord!

A: Thanks be to God!

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