

Collects

Advent (This collect is used daily until Christmas Eve)

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility: that, on 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, now and for ever. Amen.

Advent 2

BLESSED Lord, who caused the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear, 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Advent 3

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at your first coming did send before you a messenger to prepare your way: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just that, at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Advent 4

O LORD, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us and, with great might, succour us that, although through our sins and wickedness we are greatly prevented and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Christmas and the Lord's Day after Christmas

ALMIGHTY God, who gave to us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon himself and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, being regenerate and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Stephen (December 26)

Grant, O Lord, in all our sufferings here on earth for the testimony of your truth that we may steadfastly look up to heaven and by faith see the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may we learn to love and pray for our persecutors following the example of the first martyr Stephen who prayed for his murderers to you, O blessed Jesus, who stands at the right hand of God to assist all who suffer for you, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

John the evangelist (December 27)

Merciful Lord, we beseech you to cast your bright beams of light upon your church that, being enlightened by the doctrine of your blessed apostle and evangelist John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at the last attain the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Innocents (December 28)

O Almighty God, who has ordained strength for children and infants and appointed that you will be glorified in their deaths: put to death and kill all vices within us and so strengthen us by your grace that, by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith until death, we may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Circumcision of Christ (January 1st)

ALMIGHTY God, who made your blessed Son to be circumcised and obedient to the law for mankind: grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that, our hearts and whole beings being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey your blessed will; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany (January 6th)

O GOD, who by the leading of a star did manifest your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life have the enjoyment of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany 1

O LORD, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know the things they ought to do and have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany 2

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany 3

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and, in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany 4

O GOD, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany 5

O LORD, we beseech you to keep your church and household continually in your true faith that they who lean only upon the hope of your heavenly grace may for ever be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany 6

O GOD, whose blessed Son was made man that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life: grant, we beseech you, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom where, with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Third before Lent - Septuagesima

O LORD, we beseech you favourably to hear the prayers of your people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Second before Lent - Sexagesima

O LORD GOD, who sees we put not our trust in anything we do: mercifully grant that, by your power, we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Day before Lent - Quinquagesima

O LORD GOD, who has taught us that all our doings without love are nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for your only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Ash Wednesday (This collect is used daily until the Lord's Day before Easter)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hates nothing you have made and forgives the sins of all who be penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lent 1

O LORD, Jesus Christ who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey your godly leading in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Lent 2

ALMIGHTY God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lent 3

WE BESEECH you, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lent 4

GRANT, we beseech you, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lent 5

WE beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon your people that, by your great goodness, they may be governed and preserved for evermore, both in body and in soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Day before Easter

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of your tender love toward mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer upon the cross that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Good Friday

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech you graciously to behold your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, but who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all in your holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly serve you in all godliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the maker of mankind who hates nothing you have made, and who does not desire the death of a sinner but rather that he should be converted and live: have mercy upon all Jews, Moslems, unbelievers and heretics; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to your flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israel, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

An Easter Prayer

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by the continual putting to death of our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that, through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection, through the merits of him who died, was buried, and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech you that, as by your special grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help, we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Easter 1

ALMIGHTY Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of life and truth; through the merits of the same, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter 2

ALMIGHTY Father, who gave your only Son to be for us both the sacrifice for sin and the example of a godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive the inestimable benefit of his passion and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed example of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter 3

ALMIGHTY God, who shows to those in error the light of your truth to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all admitted into the fellowship of Christ's faith that they may eschew those things contrary to their profession and follow all things agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Easter 4

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: grant that your people may love what you command and desire what you promise that, among the many and sundry changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter 5

O LORD, from whom all good things come: grant to us, your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by your merciful guiding perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ascension

GRANT, we beseech you, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into heaven, we may also in heart and mind there ascend and with him continually dwell, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Lord's Day after Ascension

O GOD the King of glory, who with great triumph has exalted your only Son, Jesus Christ, to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, do not leave us comfortless but send to us your Holy Spirit to comfort and exalt us to

the very place where our Saviour is gone, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Pentecost

O GOD, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and ever more to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Trinity

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who has given to us, your servants, grace to confess the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of the Divine Majesty, to worship the Unity: we beseech you to keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore to defend us from all adversities, who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

Trinity 1

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace that, in keeping your commands, we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 2

O LORD, who never fails to help and govern those whom you bring up in your steadfast fear and love: keep us, we beseech you, under the protection of your good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 3

O LORD, we beseech you mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom you have given a hearty desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 4

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy that, you being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that finally we lose not the things eternal; grant this, O heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Trinity 5

GRANT, O LORD, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 6

O GOD, who has prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 7

LORD of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true faith; nourish us with all goodness; and, of your great mercy, keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 8

O GOD, whose never failing providence orders all things both in heaven and on earth: we humbly beseech you to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 9

GRANT to us, LORD, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as be right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 10

LET your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask for those things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 11

O GOD, whose almighty power is declared most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 12

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who is always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 13

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose gift alone it is that your faithful people render you true and laudable service: grant, we beseech you, that we may so faithfully serve you in this life, that finally we do not fail to attain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 14

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 15

KEEP, we beseech you, O Lord, your church with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you we cannot but fall, by your help ever keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 16

O LORD, we beseech you, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your people; and, because we cannot continue in safety without your succour, preserve us for ever by your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 17

LORD, we pray that your grace may always go before and follow after us, and that you would make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 18

LORD, we beseech you, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and, with pure hearts and minds, to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 19

O GOD, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things rule and direct our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 20

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech you, from all that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 21

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

Trinity 22

LORD, we beseech you to keep your household the church in continual godliness that, through your protection, it may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 23

O GOD, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech you, to hear the devout prayers of your Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity 24

O LORD, we beseech you, absolve your people from their offences that, through your bountiful goodness, we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Trinity 25

Stir up, we beseech you, O LORD, the wills of your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Andrew (November 30)

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your holy apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him without delay: grant that we, being called by your holy word, may immediately give ourselves obediently to fulfil all your holy commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thomas the apostle (December 21)

Almighty and eternal God, who permitted your holy apostle Thomas to doubt your Son's resurrection that the certainty of it would be all the more confirmed: grant that we may perfectly and without any doubt believe in your Son Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be reprov'd in your sight. Hear us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Conversion of Paul (January 25)

O God, who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Paul caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world: grant, we beseech you, that we, remembering his wonderful conversion, may show our thankfulness to you by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presentation of Christ (Purification of Mary) (February 2)

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech your Majesty that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, may we be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthias (February 24)

O Almighty God, who chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve apostles in the place of the traitor Judas: grant that your church, being always preserved from false apostles, may be guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Annunciation of Mary the virgin (March 25)

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark (April 25)

O Almighty God, who has instructed your church with the heavenly doctrine of Mark the evangelist: give us grace that, being not children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of your holy gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Philip and James (May 1)

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: grant us perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that, following in the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Barnabas the apostle (June 11)

O Lord God Almighty, who endowed your holy apostle Barnabas with special gifts of the Holy Spirit: do not leave us, we beseech you, destitute of your many gifts, nor of grace always to use them to your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

John the Baptist (June 24)

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: make us so to follow his doctrine and the example of his holy life that we may truly repent according to his preaching and constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peter (June 29)

O Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave to your apostle Peter many excellent gifts and commanded him earnestly to feed your flock: make, we beseech you, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach your word and all people obediently to follow it that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

James the apostle (July 25)

Grant, O merciful God, that as your holy apostle James, in leaving his father and all that he had without delay, was obedient to the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and followed him, so may we forsake all worldly affections and evermore be ready to follow your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bartholomew the apostle (August 24)

O Almighty and everlasting God, who gave your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant, we beseech you, that your church may love that word which he believed, and also preach and receive it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthew the apostle (September 21)

O Almighty God, who by your blessed Son did call Matthew from his place of business to be an apostle and evangelist: grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches and to follow your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Michael and all angels (September 29)

O Everlasting God, by whom the ministries of angels and men have been ordained and constituted in a wonderful order: mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Luke the evangelist (October 18)

Almighty God, who called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: grant that, through the wholesome medicine of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The apostles Simon and Jude (October 28)

O Almighty God, who has built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ as the chief corner-stone: grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine that we may be made an holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All saints (November 1)

O Almighty God, who has joined together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.