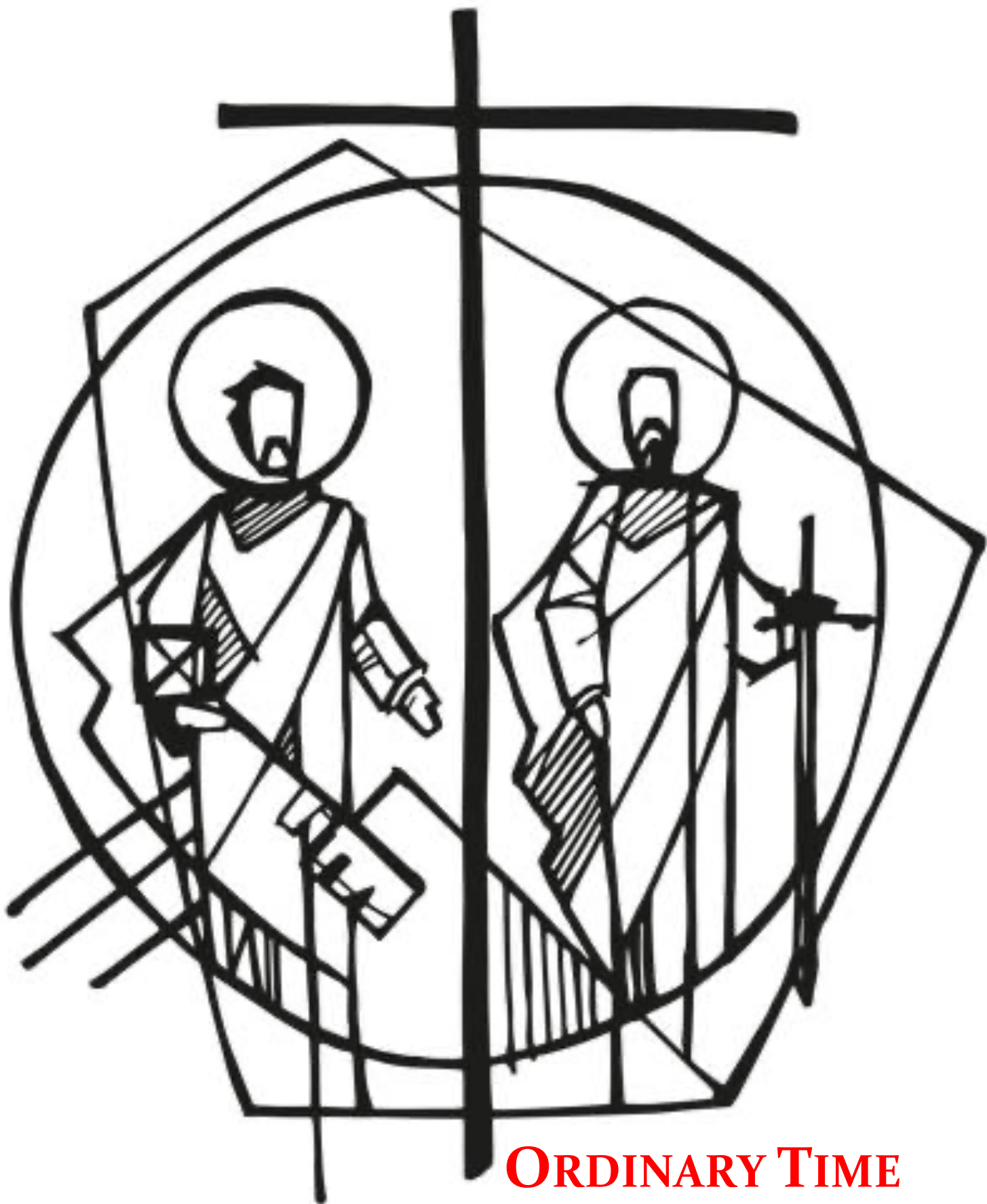


**LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR**



**ORDINARY TIME  
MONTH OF JANUARY**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

**THE MONTH OF JANUARY** finds itself beginning with the Octave Day of Christmas, being the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace, leading through the days of Christmastide, finding a highlight in the Solemnity of the Epiphany and concluding with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Then the Church's liturgy enters into Ordinary Time.

The intention of Pope Francis for this month is: ***For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.***

During the month of January, usually dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, the week of prayer for Christian Unity (Octave for Christian Unity) is observed from 18 January to 25 January. The Sunday during this octave is kept as *Sunday of the Word of God*, established by Pope Francis in 2021. This Sunday is kept at "a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." (*Aperuit illis*, §3)

Please note: since the rubrics for liturgies, especially for the celebration of the Eucharist, are directed towards the Proper of the Calendar, the attached resources are directed towards dates after 07 January.

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|-----------|----|--|---|
| Sunday    | 31 | <u>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u>             | <i>Proper for Liturgy of the Hours</i>    |
|           |    | First Vespers of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God    |   |
| Monday    | 01 | <u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u>                  | <i>Proper for Liturgy of the Hours</i>    |
|           |    | <i>World Day of Prayer for Peace</i>                     |   |
| Tuesday   | 02 | 9th Day of Christmas                                     | <i>Week 1 of the Liturgy of the Hours</i> |
|           |    | Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors | Memorial                                  |
| Wednesday | 03 | 10th Day of Christmas                                    |   |
|           |    | Holy Name of Jesus                                       | Optional Memorial                         |
| Thursday  | 04 | 11th Day of Christmas                                    |   |
| Friday    | 05 | 12th Day of Christmas                                    |   |
|           |    | St Charles of St Andrew                                  | Optional Memorial                         |
|           |    | First Vespers of the Solemnity of the Epiphany           |   |
| Saturday  | 06 | <u>Solemnity of the Epiphany</u>                         | <i>Proper for Liturgy of the Hours</i>    |

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| Sunday    | 07 | <u>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</u>                         | <i>Proper for Liturgy of the Hours</i>    |
| Monday    | 08 | 1st Week of the Year: Weekday                                   | <i>Week 1 of the Liturgy of the Hours</i> |
| Tuesday   | 09 | Weekday in Ordinary Time  |   |
| Wednesday | 10 | Weekday in Ordinary Time  |   |
|           |    | <i>Mass for Ministers of the Church</i>                         |   |
|           |    | <i>(Mass for Various Needs and Occasions I.8)</i>               |   |
| Thursday  | 11 | Weekday in Ordinary Time  |   |
|           |    | <i>Mass for Refugees and Migrants</i>                           |   |
|           |    | <i>(Mass for Various Needs and Occasions III.32)</i>            |   |
| Friday    | 12 | Weekday in Ordinary Time  |   |
|           |    | <i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Votive Mass 8)</i> |   |
|           |    | <i>with proper preface</i>                                      |   |

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| Saturday | 13 | St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor<br><i>or Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br/>Votive Mass of Our Lady, Mother of the Church (Votive Mass 10.A)<br/>with proper preface</i> | Optional Memorial |
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| Sunday    | 14 | <u>2nd Sunday of the Year</u> <span style="float: right;"><u>Week 2 of the Liturgy of the Hours</u></span>  |          |
| Monday    | 15 | St Ita, Virgin  | Memorial |
| Tuesday   | 16 | Weekday in Ordinary Time<br><i>Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Schools Week<br/>with Bishop McKeown presiding at Mass<br/>in St Eugene's Cathedral at 10am</i>   |          |
| Wednesday | 17 | St Antony, Abbot  | Memorial |
| Thursday  | 18 | Weekday in Ordinary Time – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins<br><i>Mass for the Unity of Christians<br/>(Mass for Various Needs and Occasions I.17.A-C)<br/>with Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs &amp; Occasions I</i> |          |
| Friday    | 19 | Weekday in Ordinary Time<br><i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Votive Mass 8)<br/>with proper preface</i>   |          |
| Saturday  | 20 | St Fabian, Pope, Martyr<br><i>or St Sebastian, Martyr<br/>or Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>   |          |

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| Sunday    | 21 | <u>3rd Sunday: Word of God Sunday</u> <span style="float: right;"><u>Wk 3 of the Liturgy of the Hours</u></span><br><i>Liturgical texts of the Day or<br/>Mass for the Unity of Christians<br/>(Mass for Various Needs and Occasions I.17.A-C)<br/>with Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs &amp; Occasions I</i><br><b>** MEMORIAL OF ST AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR, IS NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR</b> |                   |
| Monday    | 22 | St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr  | Optional Memorial |
| Tuesday   | 23 | Weekday in Ordinary Time<br><i>Mass for Persecuted Christians<br/>(Mass for Various Needs and Occasions I.19)</i>   |                   |
| Wednesday | 24 | St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor   | Memorial          |
| Thursday  | 25 | Conversion of St Paul, Apostle  | Feast             |
| Friday    | 26 | Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops   | Memorial          |
| Saturday  | 27 | St Angela Merici, Virgin, Religious<br><i>or Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>   | Optional Memorial |

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| Sunday    | 28 | <u>4th Sunday of the Year</u> <span style="float: right;"><u>Week 4 of the Liturgy of the Hours</u></span><br><b>** MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS, DOCTOR, IS NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR</b> |                   |
| Monday    | 29 | Weekday in Ordinary Time<br><i>Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood<br/>(Mass for Various Needs and Occasions I.9)</i>   |                   |
| Tuesday   | 30 | Bl Margaret Ball & Bl Francis Taylor, Irish Martyrs  | Optional Memorial |
| Wednesday | 31 | St John Bosco, Priest  | Memorial          |

The texts of the various Masses are taken from the English Translation of the Roman Missal (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) © ICEL, 2011 and the texts of the new collects from the translations approved by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. This resource is intended for private use to aid preparation for the celebration of the liturgy.

## MASSES FROM COMMON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### 1.

#### Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

#### Collect

Grant, Lord God, that we, your servants,  
may rejoice in unfailling health of mind and body,  
and, through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
may we be set free from present sorrow and come to enjoy eternal happiness.  
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.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, the Mother of your Son,  
no petition may go unanswered, no request be made in vain.  
Through Christ our Lord.

May the humanity of your Only Begotten Son  
come, O Lord, to our aid,  
and may he, who at his birth from the Blessed Virgin  
did not diminish but consecrated her integrity,  
by taking from us now our wicked deeds,  
make our oblation acceptable to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your  
name in veneration of) or II.

#### Communion Antiphon

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Cf. Lk 11: 27

#### Prayer after Communion

As we receive this heavenly Sacrament, we beseech, O Lord, your mercy,  
that we, who rejoice in commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
may by imitating her, serve worthily the mystery of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### 2.

#### Entrance Antiphon

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who bore the Creator of all things.  
You became the Mother of your Maker,  
and you remain for ever Virgin.

### Collect

Grant us, O merciful God,  
protection in our weakness,  
that we, who keep the Memorial of the holy Mother of God,  
may, with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

As we honour the memory of the Mother of your Son,  
we pray, O Lord, that the oblation of this sacrifice  
may, by your grace, make of us an eternal offering to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), or II.

### Communion Antiphon

Lk 1: 49

He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

### Prayer after Communion

Having been made partakers of eternal redemption,  
we pray, O Lord, that we, who commemorate the Mother of your Son,  
may glory in the fullness of your grace  
and experience its continued increase for our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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5.

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1: 28, 42

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

### Collect

O God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, foremost among the poor and humble,  
to be the Mother of the Saviour,  
grant, we pray, that, following her example, we may offer you the homage of sincere faith  
and place in you all our hope of salvation.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of our devotion,  
and grant that we, who celebrate your Son's work of boundless charity,  
may, through the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (for Votive Masses: and to praise, bless, and glorify your name in veneration of), or II.

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 87 (86):3; Lk 1: 49

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Virgin Mary,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for you.

**Prayer after Communion**

Grant to your Church, O Lord,  
that, strengthened by the power of this Sacrament,  
she may eagerly walk in the pathways of the Gospel,  
until she reaches the blessed vision of peace,  
which the Virgin Mary, your lowly handmaid,  
already enjoys eternally in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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**MASSES FROM COMMON OF MARTYRS – OUTSIDE EASTER TIME  
FOR USE ON THE MEMORIAL OF BL MARGARET BALL & BL FRANCIS TAYLOR (30 JANUARY)**

**A. FOR SEVERAL MARTYRS**

**2.**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 34 (33): 20-21

Many are the trials of the just,  
but from them all the Lord will rescue them.  
The Lord will keep guard over all their bones;  
not one of their bones shall be broken.

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who gave the Blesseds Margaret and Francis and their companions  
the grace of suffering for Christ,  
come, in your divine mercy, we pray, to the help of our own weakness,  
that, as your Saints did not hesitate to die for your sake,  
we, too, may live bravely in confessing you.  
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.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May the sacrifice soon to be consecrated  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, we pray,  
in commemoration of this precious martyrdom,  
so that it may cleanse our sins  
and commend to you the prayers of your servants.  
Through Christ our Lord.



### Communion Antiphon

Greater love has no one  
than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Cf. Jn 15: 13

Or: Lk 12: 4

I say to you, my friends:  
Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that, being nourished by the Bread of heaven and made one Body in Christ,  
we may never be separated from his love  
and, after the example of your holy Martyrs Margaret, Francis and their companions,  
may bravely overcome all things for the sake of him who loved us.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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3.

### Entrance Antiphon

From the Lord comes the salvation of the just;  
he is their stronghold in time of distress.

Cf. Ps 37 (36): 39

Or: Cf. Wis 3: 6-7, 9

As gold in the furnace, the Lord put his chosen to the test;  
as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself;  
and in due time they will be honoured,  
and grace and peace will be with the elect of God.

### Collect

May the sight of the great number of your holy Martyrs gladden us, O Lord,  
making our faith stronger and bringing us consolation by the prayers of them all.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord, the offerings of your people  
in honor of the passion of your holy Martyrs,  
and may the gifts that gave blessed Margaret and Francis and their companions  
courage under persecution  
make us, too, steadfast in all trials.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Whoever loses his life for my sake  
and for the sake of the Gospel will save it, says the Lord.

Cf. Mk 8: 35

### Prayer after Communion

Preserve in us your gift, O Lord,  
and may what we have received at your hands  
for the feast day of the blessed Martyrs Margaret and Francis and their companions  
bring us salvation and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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# MASS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

## 8. FOR MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 12: 4-6

There are different graces but the same Spirit,  
different ministries but the same Lord,  
different works but the same God,  
who accomplishes everything in everyone.

### Collect

O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church  
to seek not to be served, but to serve their brothers and sisters,  
grant, we pray,  
that they may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,  
and constant in prayer.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Holy Father, whose Son chose to wash the disciples' feet  
and so set us an example,  
accept, we pray, the oblations of our service,  
and grant that, offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice,  
we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Lk 12: 37

Blessed are those servants whom the lord finds vigilant on his arrival.  
Amen, I say to you:  
He will gird himself, seat them at table, and proceed to wait on them.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, to your servants,  
whom you have replenished with heavenly food and drink,  
that, for the sake of your glory and the salvation of believers,  
they may be found faithful as ministers of the Gospel,  
of the Sacraments and of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## 9. FOR VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS

### Entrance Antiphon

Mt 9: 38

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest,  
says Jesus to his disciples.

### Collect

O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people,  
pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude, to raise up worthy ministers  
for your altars and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.



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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look kindly, we pray, O Lord,  
on the prayers and offerings of your people,  
that the stewards of your mysteries may grow in number  
and persevere always in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 3: 16

By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

### Prayer after Communion

Renewed with the Bread of the heavenly table,  
we entreat you, O Lord,  
that through this Sacrament of charity  
the seeds you sow with great abundance in the field of your Church  
may come to maturity,  
so that many may make it their choice in life  
to serve you in their brothers and sisters.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## 12. FOR THE FAMILY

### Entrance Antiphon

Eph 6: 2-3

Honour your father and mother.  
This is the first commandment with a promise,  
that it may go well with you  
and that you may have a long life on earth.

### Collect

O God, in whose eternal design family life has its firm foundation,  
look with compassion on the prayers of your servants  
and grant that, following the example  
of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son  
in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,  
we may, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that you may establish our families  
firmly in your grace and your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Is 49: 15

Can a mother forget her infant?  
Even should she forget, I will never forget you, says the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example  
of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
they may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## 17. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

This Mass may be used whenever there are special celebrations for the unity of Christians, provided it does not occur on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or on any Solemnity.

### A

### Entrance Antiphon

Jn 10: 14-15

I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I know my sheep and mine know me, says the Lord,  
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who gather what is scattered  
and keep together what you have gathered,  
look kindly on the flock of your Son,  
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated  
may be joined together by integrity of faith  
and united in the bond of charity.  
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.

### Or:

We humbly ask you, Lord, lover of the human family,  
to pour out more fully upon us the grace of your Spirit,  
and grant that, walking worthily in the vocation  
to which you have called us,  
we may bear witness to the truth before others  
and seek with confidence  
the unity of all believers in the bond of peace.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

### Preface: The unity of the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For through him you brought us to the knowledge of your truth, so that by the bond of one faith and one Baptism we might become his Body. Through him you poured out your Holy Spirit among all the nations, so that in a wondrous manner he might prompt and engender unity in the diversity of your gifts, dwelling within your adopted children and filling and ruling the whole Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:  
***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .***

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

### Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

## B

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 106 (105): 47

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.

### Collect

O God, who have united many nations in confessing your name, grant us, we pray, the grace to will and to do what you command, that the people called to your Kingdom may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds.

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.

**Or:**

Attend with favour to the prayers of your people,  
we ask, O Lord,  
and grant that the hearts of believers  
may be united in your praise and in repentance together,  
so that, with division among Christians overcome,  
we may hasten with joy to your eternal Kingdom  
in the perfect communion of the Church.  
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.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Celebrating the memorial of our salvation,  
we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord,  
that this Sacrament of your loving kindness  
may be for us the sign of unity  
and the bond of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

And over all things put on love,  
which is the bond of perfection.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

Col 3: 14-15

**Prayer after Communion**

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love  
and, in your kindness,  
make those who believe in you one in mind and heart  
by the power of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

One body and one Spirit,  
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in us all.

Eph 4: 4-6

**Collect**

Look with favour on your people, Lord, we pray,  
and pour out upon them the gifts of your Spirit,  
that they may grow constantly in love of the truth  
and devote themselves with zeal to perfect unity among Christians.

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.

**Or:**

Make known in us, O Lord,  
the abundance of your mercy  
and, in the power of your Spirit,  
remove the divisions between Christians,  
that your Church may appear more clearly  
as a sign raised high among the nations  
and that the world, enlightened by your Spirit,  
may believe in the Christ whom you have sent.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May the sacrifice we offer you purify us, O Lord,  
and make all who are joined in one Baptism  
partakers at last of one and the same celebration  
of these mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

May all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you,  
that they also may be one in us,  
I in them and you in me,  
that they may be brought to perfection as one.

**Jn 17: 21, 23**

**Prayer after Communion**

Receiving the Sacrament of your Christ,  
we pray, O Lord, that you may renew in your Church  
the sanctifying grace you have given  
and that all who glory in the name of Christian  
may come to serve you in unity of faith.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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**19. FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and do not forget the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O Lord, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you!

**Cf. Ps 74 (73): 20, 19, 22, 23**

Peter thus was being kept in prison,  
but prayer was made without ceasing  
by the Church to God for him.

**Or: Acts 12: 5**

### Collect

O God, who in your inscrutable providence  
will that the Church be united to the sufferings of your Son,  
grant, we pray, to your faithful who suffer for your name's sake  
a spirit of patience and charity,  
that they may be found true and faithful witnesses  
to the promises you have made.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we ask, O Lord,  
the prayers and sacrificial gifts we offer in humility  
and grant that those who suffer persecution  
for their faithful service to you  
may rejoice to be united to the sacrifice of Christ your Son  
and may know that their names are written in heaven  
among the company of the elect.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are you, when they insult you  
and persecute you because of me, says the Lord.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.

Mt 5: 11-12

Or: Mt 10: 32

Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, says the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

By the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,  
confirm your servants in the truth  
and grant to your faithful who suffer tribulation  
that, as they follow your Son in bearing their cross,  
they may, in every trial, glory in the name of Christian.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## 30. FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

### A

### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you;  
hear the prayers of your servants  
and guide us in the way of justice.

Cf. Sir 36: 18, 19

### Collect

O God, who have revealed  
that peacemakers are to be called your children,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice  
which alone ensures true and lasting peace.  
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.

### Or:

O God, who show a father's care for all,  
grant, in your mercy,  
that the members of the human race,  
to whom you have given a single origin,  
may form in peace a single family  
and always be united by a fraternal spirit.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the saving sacrifice of your Son, the King of peace,  
offered under sacramental signs that signify peace and unity,  
strengthen, we pray, O Lord, concord among all your children.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Mt 5: 9

Or: Jn 14: 27

Peace I leave with you,  
my peace I give you, says the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit of charity,  
so that, sustained by the Body and Blood of your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be effective in nurturing among all the peace that he has left us.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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### OTHER PRAYERS FOR PEACE

### Collect

O God, Creator of the world,  
under whose governance the design for all the ages unfolds,  
be attentive, we pray, to our petitions and grant to our times tranquillity and peace,  
that we may exult with unceasing joy in praise of your great mercy.  
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.



Or:

O God of peace, who are peace itself  
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,  
nor a violent mind receive,  
grant that those who are one in heart  
may persevere in what is good  
and that those in conflict  
may forget evil and so be healed.  
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.

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### 32. FOR REFUGEES AND EXILES

#### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 91 (90): 11

For you has God commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.

Or: Jer 29: 11-12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

#### Collect

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger  
and from whose help no one is ever distant,  
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,  
on segregated persons and on lost children;  
restore them, we pray, to a homeland,  
and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers.  
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.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who willed that your Son should lay down his life  
to gather into one your scattered children,  
grant that this sacrifice of your peace  
may bring about a communion of minds and hearts  
and an increase in fraternal charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

Ps 91 (90): 2

My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God, in whom I trust.

#### Prayer after Communion

O Lord, who have renewed us with the one Bread and the one Chalice,  
grant that in sincerity of heart we may show true compassion  
toward strangers and the abandoned and  
that all of us may deserve to be gathered together at last in the land of the living.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## VOTIVE MASSES

### 6. THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

*In this Mass, the colour white is used.*

#### Entrance Antiphon

Phil 2: 10-11

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend  
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Collect

As we venerate the most holy Name of Jesus,  
mercifully grant us, Lord,  
that, savouring its sweetness in this life,  
we may be filled with everlasting joy  
in our heavenly homeland.  
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.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, almighty Father,  
to accept our offerings in the Name of Jesus,  
for we are confident that we shall receive  
whatever we ask in your Son's Name,  
as he himself, with such kindness, promises.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### Communion Antiphon

Acts 4: 12

There is no other name under heaven given among the human race  
by which we must be saved.

#### Prayer after Communion

Grant us in your mercy, O Lord, we pray,  
that in these sacred mysteries  
we may do worthy homage to the Lord Jesus,  
for it is your will that at his Name  
every knee should bend  
and in him all people find salvation.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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### 8. THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*In this Mass, the colour white is used.*

#### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 33 (32): 11, 19

The designs of his Heart are from age to age,  
to rescue their souls from death  
and to keep them alive in famine.

### Collect

Clothe us, Lord God,  
with the virtues of the Heart of your Son  
and set us aflame with his love,  
that, conformed to his image,  
we may merit a share in eternal redemption.  
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.

### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, Father of mercies,  
who, because of the great love with which you loved us,  
with untold goodness gave us your Only Begotten Son,  
grant, we pray, that, being perfectly united with him,  
we may offer you worthy homage.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Preface: The boundless charity of Christ.

℣. The Lord be with you.  
℟. And with your spirit.  
℣. Lift up your hearts.  
℟. We lift them up to the Lord.  
℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For raised up high on the Cross, he gave himself up for us with a wonderful love  
and poured out Blood and water from his pierced side,  
the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments,  
so that, won over to the open Heart of the Saviour,  
all might draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:  
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .*

### Communion Antiphon

Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink.  
Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

Cf. Jn 7: 37-38

One of the soldiers opened his side with a lance,  
and at once there came forth blood and water.

Or: Jn 19: 34

### Prayer after Communion

Made partakers in your Sacrament of charity,  
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,  
that we may be conformed to Christ on earth  
and merit to be coheirs of his glory in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## 10. THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In this Mass, the colour white is used.

### A OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Acts 1: 14

The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

#### Collect

O God, Father of mercies,  
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,  
to be our Mother also,  
grant, we pray, that with her loving help  
your Church may be more fruitful day by day  
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,  
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.  
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.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our offerings, O Lord,  
and transform them into the mystery of salvation,  
so that by its power we may be set aflame  
with the charity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
and with her may be united more closely  
to the work of redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Preface: Mary, Model and Mother of the Church.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
and to proclaim your greatness with due praise, as we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Receiving your Word in her Immaculate Heart,  
she was found worthy to conceive him in her virgin's womb  
and, giving birth to the Creator, she nurtured the beginnings of the Church.  
Standing beside the Cross, she received the testament of divine love  
and took to herself as sons and daughters  
all those who by the Death of Christ are born to heavenly life.

As the Apostles awaited the Spirit you had promised,  
she joined her supplication to the prayers of the disciples  
and so became the pattern of the Church at prayer.

Raised to the glory of heaven, she accompanies your pilgrim Church  
with a mother's love and watches in kindness over the Church's homeward steps,  
until the Lord's Day shall come in glorious splendour.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:  
***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .***

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Jn 2: 1, 11**

A wedding was held in Cana of Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there;  
then Jesus performed the first of his signs  
and manifested his glory,  
and his disciples believed in him.

**Or: Cf. Jn 19: 26-27**

As he hung upon the cross,  
Jesus said to the disciple whom he loved:  
Behold your mother.

**Prayer after Communion**

Having partaken, O Lord, of these helps to our salvation  
in our commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles,  
we humbly beseech you,  
that, persevering in your will and in service of the human family,  
your people may draw ever closer to salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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**SUGGESTED MASS TEXTS FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION**  
*(Not for use on Sundays)*

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Mt 18: 20**

Where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them.

**Collect**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
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.

**Or:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that your Church may always remain that holy people,  
formed as one by the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
which manifests to the world  
the Sacrament of your holiness and unity  
and leads it to the perfection of your charity.  
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.

**Or:**

O God, whose Son promised to all those gathered in his name  
that he would be there in their midst,  
grant, we pray, that we may be aware of his presence among us  
and, in truth and charity, experience in our hearts  
an abundance of grace, mercy and peace.  
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.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Look with gracious favour, O Lord, we pray,  
on the offerings of your servants,  
that they may truly understand and proclaim with confidence  
what is right and wholesome in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Or:**

To you, O Lord, we gladly offer these gifts from the little we have,  
humbly imploring your kindness  
that they may be for us the first fruits of your life-giving generosity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

Teach all nations to keep whatever I have commanded you, says the Lord.  
And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

**Cf. Mt 28: 20**

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel, says the Lord.  
I am with you always.

**Or: Mk 16: 15**

**Prayer after Communion**

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love  
and, in your kindness,  
make those who believe in you one in mind and heart  
by the power of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR JANUARY

### **Prayer for the Unity of Christians**

*(as prayed by the Chemin Neuf Community Inspired by a prayer of the Abbé Paul Couturier, Pioneer of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.)*

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

### **Prayers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*(taken from the resource prepared by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches)*

**Day One:** God of life, You have created us to have life, and life in all its fullness. May we recognise in our brothers and sisters their desire for eternal life. As we follow Jesus' way with determination, may we lead others to you. We pray in his name. Amen.

**Day Two:** Lord, give us the grace to know you more deeply, in order to love you with all of our being. Grant us a pure heart, to love our neighbour as ourselves. May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see your presence in our sisters and brothers, that we may love each other with the same unconditional love with which you love us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Day Three:** God of love, Who write love in our hearts, instil in us the courage to look beyond ourselves and see the neighbour in those different from ourselves, that we may truly follow Jesus Christ, our brother and our friend, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Day Four:** Lord Jesus Christ, As we journey with you towards unity, may our eyes not look away, but be wide open to the world. As we travel through life, may we stop and reach out, bind up the wounded and in so doing experience your presence in them: you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**Day Five:** Gracious God, You who are the source of all love and goodness: enable us to see the needs of our neighbour. Show us what we can do to bring about healing. Change us, so that we can love all our brothers and sisters. Help us to overcome the obstacles of division, that we might build a world of peace for the common good. Thank you for renewing your Creation and leading us to a future which is full of hope: you who are Lord of all, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

**Day Six:** Father of love, In Jesus, you showed us the meaning of hospitality, by caring for our fragile humanity. Help us to become a community that welcomes those who feel abandoned and lost, building a house where all are welcome. May we come closer to one another as we offer the world your unconditional love. This we pray in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Day Seven:** Holy God, your Son Jesus Christ came among us to show us the way of compassion. Help us by your Spirit to follow his example, to serve the needs of all your children, and so give united Christian witness to your ways of love and mercy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Day Eight:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who makes us more open to each other, resolves conflict, and strengthens our bonds of communion. May we grow in mutual affection and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more faithfully, that the world may come together in unity and welcome the Prince of Peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### **Prayer for Unity of Christians**

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ. As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will. Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Collects for Unity of Christians (ICEL 1998)**

Almighty and eternal God, by whom the dispersed are gathered and kept together as one, look lovingly on the flock of your Son, that all who have been sealed by one baptism may be joined together by wholeness of faith and preserved in fellowship by the bond of love. We ask this 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.

God, lover of all, we humbly make our prayer: pour forth the abundance of your Spirit upon us and grant that, by living a life worthy of our calling, we may bear witness to your truth before the world and confidently seek the unity of all believers in the bond of peace. We ask this 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.

O God, who gathered together a diversity of nations to be united in the profession of your holy name, grant us the will and the strength to follow your command, that all who are called to your kingdom may be united in faith and holiness of life. We ask this 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.

Regard with favour, O Lord, the prayers of your people and unite the hearts of all believers in repentance and in praise of you, so that, with all divisions among Christians healed, we may hasten with joy to your eternal kingdom in the perfect communion of one Church. Grant this 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.

Lord, look with kindness on your people and pour out upon us the gifts of your Spirit, that we may grow in love of truth and work zealously for the perfect unity of all Christians. We ask this 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.

Lord, shower upon us your abundant mercy and, by the power of your Spirit, remove all division among Christians, that your Church may shine forth more clearly as a sign lifted high for the nations to see; and grant that through the light of the Holy Spirit the world may believe in the one you have sent, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

### **Prayer for Unity of Christians (from *Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute.*)**

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for the theme of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (from current English Translation of Roman Missal, Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year)**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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.

**Prayer for Reconciliation (adapted from ICEL 1998)**

Holy Father, compassionate and good, it is right to give you thanks and praise, for you never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life. Though we are sinners, you constantly offer us pardon and ask us to trust in your mercy alone. Time after time, when we broke your covenants, you did not cast us aside; but through the incarnation of Jesus, your Son, you bound the human family to yourself with a new and unbreakable bond. In Christ you give your people a season of reconciliation and grace: a time to draw new breath for our journey back to you, a time to open our hearts to your Spirit and respond to the needs of all. In wonder and gratitude, we pray this in the name of Him who is the face of your mercy, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Brother. Amen.

Merciful God and Father, it is truly right to give you thanks through Christ our Lord for the working of your grace in the world. In the midst of human conflict you turn our minds to thoughts of peace. Your Spirit stirs our hearts, so that enemies speak again to each other, adversaries join hands in friendship, and nations seek to live in harmony. Through your healing power the love of peace quells violence, mercy conquers hatred, and vengeance yields to forgiveness. For this we praise you without end in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.

God, Father and Creator of all, blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us when his love gathers us together. Through the gospel proclaimed by Him you have brought together in one Church people of every nation, culture, and tongue. Into it you breathe the power of your Spirit, that in every age your children may be gathered as one. Your Church bears steadfast witness to your love. It nourishes our hope for the coming of your kingdom and is a radiant sign of the lasting covenant you promised us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Renew by the light of the gospel those baptised in Christ's name, strengthen their bonds of unity, so that your people may stand forth as a sign of oneness and peace in a world torn by conflict and strife. Keep those called in your name alert in faith to the signs of the times and eager to accept the challenge of the gospel. Open our hearts to the needs of all people, so that, sharing their grief and anguish, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and advance together on the way to your kingdom. May we follow your paths in faith and hope, spreading joy and trust throughout the world. May we be a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace, that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new. For this we pray to you in the name of Christ our Saviour and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Other Prayers (ICEL 1998)**

Merciful God, you sent your Son, the spotless Lamb, to take upon himself the sin of the world. Make our lives holy, that your Church may bear witness to your purpose of reconciling all things in Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

From our earliest days, O God, you call us by name. Make our ears attentive to your voice, our spirits eager to respond, that, having heard you in Jesus your anointed one, we may draw others to be his disciples.

God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ and summoned all humanity to life in him. Show to your people gathered on this day your transforming power and give us a foretaste of the wine you keep for the age to come.

Almighty and eternal God, direct all our actions to accord with your holy will, that our lives may be rich in good works done in the name of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

God of salvation, the splendour of your glory dispels the darkness of earth, for in Christ we behold the nearness of your kingdom. Now make us quick to follow where he beckons, eager to embrace the tasks of the gospel.

Your sovereign rule, O God, draws near to us in the person of Jesus your Son. Your word summons us to faith, your power transforms our lives. Free us to follow in Christ's footsteps, so that neither human loyalty nor earthly attachment may hold us back from answering your call.

Lord God, whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it.

Teach us, Lord God, to worship you with undivided hearts and to cherish all people with true and faithful love. We ask this 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.

O God, teach us the hidden wisdom of the gospel, so that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first the blessedness of your kingdom.

Faithful God, your Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, spoke the truth with authority, and you confirmed his teaching by wondrous deeds. Through his healing presence, drive far from us all that is unholy, so that by word and deed we may proclaim him Messiah and Lord and bear witness to your power to heal and save.

God of salvation, in your Prophet, Jesus the Christ, you announce freedom and summon us to conversion. As we marvel at the grace and power of your word, enlighten us to see the beauty of the gospel and strengthen us to embrace its demands.





