

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER
OPENINGS and CLOSINGS**

Friday, April 1, 2016

- O: Seeking to be raised up to a newer and fuller life in the risen Lord Jesus, let us, with conviction and confidence, offer our prayers of petition to God, our Father.
- C: God Almighty, hear the prayers we offer to you today with confidence that you will grant them according to your holy will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, April 2, 2016

- O: As Easter people, we celebrate the salvific work of Christ who has won victory over sin and death. We are set free by the truth. Let us offer our prayers with joy-filled hearts and assured hope that God will grant them according to our need.
- C: Almighty God and Father, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

- O: With faith in the risen Lord, let us petition the Father with humility and bring him our needs.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we bring before you. Through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, April 4, 2016

- O: In confidence and trust, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers and grant us the grace and strength to needed to do your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

- O: Seeking to make God the ruler of our lives and hearts, let us join in offering our prayers to the Lord for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving Father, hear the prayers of your people. Grant us what is necessary to do your will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

- O: Emboldened by the knowledge that God is loving, merciful and compassionate, let us offer our prayers of petition to him.
- C: God almighty, you are the source of our life and love. Hear the prayers we lovingly offer today, and in your generosity and mercy answer them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, April 7, 2016

- O: Trusting that God in his goodness and love provides for what we most truly need, let us join together in offering him our prayers and petitions.
- C: God of peace and grace, hear the prayers of your people and grant our petitions through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, April 8, 2016

- O: Relying on Jesus to satisfy the hungers and longings of our hearts, let us offer our prayers of petition, trusting they will bear fruit for the Church, our world and ourselves.
- C: Gracious God, in your goodness and love we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer you through Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, April 9, 2016

- O: Trusting that Christ remains present to us in our fears, doubts and longings, let us confidently offer our prayers of petition to the Father for the Church, the world and ourselves.
- C: God our Father, hear the prayers offered to you today. Grant them according to your divine will for our lives. Through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

- O: Emboldened by the love God has for his Church and confident in his generosity, let us offer our prayers of intercession, bound with those of the communion of saints, as we pray for the Church, the world and ourselves.
- C: God almighty, we offer you our unending hymn of praise. We are witnesses to your love and mercy, which gives us the confidence to offer our prayers of petition. Grant them according to your divine will, through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, April 11, 2016

- O: As believers in the risen Christ, let us present our needs to our heavenly Father, with confidence they will be heard and answered.
- C: God our Father, hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

- O: Trusting that God watches over us and provides for our needs, let us join in offering him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Almighty God, hear our prayers and grant what is consistent with your plan for our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

- O: Firmly trusting in the promise of Jesus that, if we remain steadfast in faith, we will come to share eternal life in heaven, let us join in offering our prayers to the Lord.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and strengthen us with your grace so we may lead lives that bear good fruit for you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, April 14, 2016

- O: Calling on our merciful God, let us offer our prayers and petitions on behalf of those in need throughout the world.
- C: Loving God, grant these prayers and all that we hold in the silence of our hearts, in the name of Jesus your son.

Friday, April 15, 2016

- O: Let us bring our needs before our merciful God, with confidence that he knows what we need.
- C: Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

- O: Trusting that the Lord watches over us and provides for our needs, let us join in offering him our prayers for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Father, in your goodness and love, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we ask them in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

- O: Trusting in the promises of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we place our prayers before the Lord.
- C: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to shepherd us into the kingdom of heaven. We ask that you hear our prayers this day, through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, April 18, 2016

- O: Let us stand together and offer our petitions to the Father, confident that he hears our prayers and provides what we need.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

- O: As believers in Jesus, let us gather together in confidence, asking the Father to hear and answer our prayers.
- C: Loving Father, giver of all that is good, we trust in your mercy and love. We ask that you hear our prayers, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

- O: Jesus, the risen Lord, invites us to bring the Light of God to the world. Thus, we offer our prayers and petitions to our heavenly Father.
- C: O God, you gave us the risen Lord that we might see the fullness of your light in our own lives. We ask that you grant us what we need, in the name of your son, Jesus.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

- O: Trusting in God's providence, we bring these prayers before him.
- C: Gracious God, we praise you and thank you for all that you give us. Grant us, please, in your mercy, these prayers we have placed before you, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, April 22, 2016

- O: Brothers and sisters in Christ, with the knowledge of our heavenly Father's deep love, let us humbly offer our prayers and petitions for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, April 23, 2016

- O: Let us offer our prayers to God the Almighty Father, confident that they will be heard and answered according to his most holy will.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers this day. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

- O: With the assurance of God's abundant and ever-present love, let us place our needs before him.
- C: God the Father of love and mercy, we present our prayers to you this day. Look with compassion upon our needs and grant these things according to your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Monday, April 25, 2016

- O: With hearts and minds lifted up to the Lord, let us humbly present our petitions.
- C: Father, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- O: Recognizing the gift of peace that Jesus offers, let us approach our heavenly Father with our needs and the needs of our world.
- C: God our Father, hear the prayers we offer this day, in the name of Jesus Christ, your son.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

- O: Trusting that God watches over us and provides for us, let us join in offering him our prayers for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Father, in your goodness and love we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, April 28, 2016

- O: Striving to live in greater love and unity with God and one another, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to God the almighty Father.
- C: God almighty, in your mercy and generosity, please hear the prayers we offer. Grant them according to your divine will, through Christ, our Lord.

Friday, April 29, 2016

- O: Confident that God knows our intentions and deepest desires, let us now offer him our prayers of petition, trusting that in his infinite mercy and goodness he will hear them.
- C: Gracious and loving God, receive the prayers offered to you today. May you answer them according to our needs and your divine will for our lives. We pray through Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

- O: We need to reply on God's grace and mercy to remain steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel. Understanding this, let us join in offering our prayers of petition for our Church, the world and ourselves.
- C: God almighty, hear the petitions we have offered and in your grace and mercy, answer them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

- O: In trust and confidence, let us join together in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Monday, May 2, 2016

- O: With confidence in the Father's love for us, we offer our prayers to him.
- C: Good and gracious God, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers. We ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

- O: Recognizing that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, let us join with trust and confidence in offering our prayers and petitions to the Lord.
- C: Merciful Father, hear our petitions. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

- O: Grateful for God's good gifts and manifold blessings, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to the Father.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, May 5, 2016

- O: Trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us offer our petitions to the Lord.
- C: God of mercy and forgiveness, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers. We offer them in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, May 5, 2016 (optional)

- O: Trusting in God's goodness, let us present to him these petitions for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear and answer our prayers according to your holy will. We offer them through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 6, 2016

- O: In humility, trust and confidence, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer through Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, May 7, 2016

- O: As a community of faith-filled disciples, Jesus assures us that because of our love for him we can seek what we desire by asking the Father. We do so now as we offer our petitions.
- C: God almighty, graciously hear the prayers offered to you today by your faithful. Grant them according to your divine will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

- O: Because we are assured that God loves us in good times and in times of trial, we offer these prayers for our needs, and the needs of the Church and our world.
- C: Lord God, hear the prayers of your people and help us recognize your love in all the events of our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your son.

Monday, May 9, 2016

- O: With praise and gratitude we celebrate being made worthy, through the sacrifice of Christ, to share in his peace and glory. With confidence, let us offer God our Father these prayers of petition.
- C: Gracious and loving God, your mercy is boundless and your generosity without measure. Hear the prayers offered to you today, and, in your compassion and love, answer them according to your divine will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

- O: Trusting that our heavenly Father lovingly watches over us and provides for our needs, we turn to him in humble petition.
- C: Father, in your goodness and love, hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

- O: In gratitude for all the gifts and blessings that God bestows upon us each day, let us join in offering our prayers to the Lord.
- C: Heavenly Father, we know you have called all of us to be your disciples. We ask that you continue to grant us grace and peace as we seek to serve you and others. In Jesus Christ, we pray.

Thursday, May 12, 2016

- O: Jesus shows us the perfect example of humble, selfless and trusting prayer. In that spirit, we present our needs and petitions before our heavenly Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Friday, May 13, 2016

- O: Seeking to live more fully and faithfully as disciples of Jesus, let us join in offering our prayers to the Lord.
- C: Father, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to lay down our lives more fully in love and service to others. We ask this and all things through Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, May 14, 2016

- O: Gathered as a community of believers, let us ask for the grace we need to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel message, and lift our prayers to our heavenly Father.
- C: Almighty God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

- O: Seeking to be more attentive and responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, let us join together in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Father, in your goodness and love hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, May 16, 2016

- O: Trusting that God watches over us and provides what we most truly need, let us join in offering our prayers for our needs and those of the world to the Lord.
- C: Almighty God, in your mercy and love we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

- O: Seeking to serve God with gratitude and humility of heart, let us join in offering him prayers for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace and strength needed to lead lives that are holy and pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

- O: We stand before the God of truth and ask him to hear our prayers.
- C: Father, hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, May 19, 2016

- O: Confident in God's mercy and compassion, let us offer him our prayers of petition.
- C: Gracious God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Friday, May 20, 2016

- O: The Lord promises compassion and mercy to all his people. With humble hearts, let us bring our prayers for our needs and those of the world before the Father.
- C: Loving Father, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

- O: Grateful for the many gifts and blessings that God bestows upon us each day, let us join in offering our prayers to the almighty Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

- O: Let us present our petitions to the Father, for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers and grant us the grace needed to lead lives that give you glory. We pray through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, May 23, 2016

- O: Confident that our God looks lovingly upon us, let us present to him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Father, in your goodness and love we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

- O: In humility and trust, let us offer our prayers and petitions to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your holy will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

- O: In confidence and trust, let us join in offering our prayers to the Lord.
- C: Loving God, we ask that you hear and answer the prayers which we offer to you through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, May 26, 2016

- O: Brothers and sisters, let us humbly bring our intentions before the Lord.
- C: Gracious God, in faith we ask that you grant us these petitions through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, May 27, 2016

- O: Knowing that with God, all things are possible, let us approach him with trusting hearts that he will hear our prayers.
- C: Heavenly Father, we come before you with thankful hearts. Grant us the grace we need to grow in holiness, and hear our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, May 28, 2016

O: Let us join in offering our prayers to our loving and merciful God.

C: Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer the prayers which we offer you through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016

O: Confident in God's loving care, we place our petitions before him.

C: Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer to you through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, May 30, 2016

O: We gather as God's faithful, trusting in his promises. Confident in his compassion and mercy, we offer our petitions.

C: Gracious God, knowing that your power is at work in all your creation, we ask that you grant our petitions according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

O: We, like Mary and Elizabeth, trust that God has found favor with the prayers of thanksgiving and praise we offer today. Let us turn to him now and offer our prayers of petition.

C: Gracious God, with gratitude, joy and humility we ask you to grant, according to your divine will, the prayers we offer today. Through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

O: Confident in God's provident care for us, let us present our petitions to him.

C: Almighty God, we bring these petitions to you, and ask that you hear our prayers. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

Thursday, June 2, 2016

O: We present our needs to God, our Father, confident that he will hear us.

C: God of love and mercy, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, according to your will. We ask this through your son, Jesus.

Friday, June 3, 2016

O: Grateful that God is ever-willing to forgive and provide for our needs, let us join in offering him our prayers and petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers this day, for we ask them through Jesus Christ, your son.

Saturday, June 4, 2016

O: With grateful hearts, let us join in offering our petitions to the Lord.

C: Father in heaven, we ask that you shower us with your grace and mercy and grant these petitions, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

O: Brothers and sisters, Jesus shows us the perfect example of compassion toward those in need. With trust in our loving God, we place our needs before him.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. Hear the prayers we ask through his holy name.

Monday, June 6, 2016

O: Let us join together in offering our prayers and petitions to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Lord, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Jesus, your son.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

O: Let us bring our petitions before God our Father, who loves us and gives us all good things.

C: Gracious and loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer to you through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

O: God our Father, we offer our prayers of petition on behalf of the Church, the world and ourselves.

C: God almighty, please hear the prayers we offer today, and in your mercy grant them according to your divine will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, June 9, 2016

O: God desires peace among his people. Let us unite in prayer before the Lord to voice our needs and petitions.

C: Loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, June 10, 2016

O: Today, let us bring the worries of our minds and the burdens of our hearts to our merciful Father, who speaks in small whispers and promises, and ask that he hear our prayers.

C: Father, hear the prayers of your people offered here today. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, June 11, 2016

O: With trust and confidence, let us present our petitions to God on behalf of all those in need.

C: Merciful Father, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we offer them to you in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

O: With humility and trust, we come before our loving God with our prayers and petitions for our needs and those of the world.

C: Heavenly Father, as Jesus showed mercy to the sinful woman in the Gospel, we ask for your mercy in our lives. We ask that you answer our prayers, through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, June 13, 2016

O: With humble and contrite hearts, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Loving Father, hear the prayers of your people who desire above all things to do your holy will. We ask this through your son and our savior, Christ the Lord.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

O: Seeking to lead lives which give glory to God and help build up his kingdom on earth, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to God, our loving Father.

C: Loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

O: We place our prayers, and the prayers of the Church, before our heavenly Father.

C: Father, all honor and glory belong to you alone. We ask you to receive our prayers, and hear and answer them according to your holy will, through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, June 16, 2016

O: Let us bring our prayers today before our loving Father, who knows our needs.

C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer today in the name of Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Friday, June 17, 2016

O: With confidence and trust, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Almighty God and Father, in your goodness and love, hear and answer our prayers. We ask this and all things through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

O: Trusting that God provides for our needs, let us offer our prayers to him in confidence.

C: Father of creation, look down upon us today and hear our prayers, which we offer in confidence and trust, in the name of Jesus, your son.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016

O: Lord, we bring our needs before you with confidence that our prayers will be answered according to your will.

C: Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear our prayers, those spoken and those held within the silence of our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, June 20, 2016

O: We join together to turn to our heavenly Father and offer these petitions.

C: Almighty Father, help us to hear your loving guidance, and we ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your will, through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

O: In humility and trust, let us present our petitions to our heavenly Father.

C: Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

O: Heavenly Father, we ask you to turn your merciful gaze upon us as we present our petitions.

C: God of mercy and love, hear our petitions and grant us the grace needed to persevere in faith amidst trials and tribulations. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, June 23, 2016

O: Let us now offer our petitions to our loving Father, who knows what we truly need.

C: Gracious God, we offer these prayers to you and ask that you grant them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Friday, June 24, 2016

O: Called by Christ to be mindful of the needs of all people, we present these petitions to the Father.

C: Lord God, hear the prayers of your servants who strive to do your will in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your son.

Saturday, June 25, 2016

O: Let us join together in offering our petitions for our needs and those of the world to our loving Father in heaven.

C: God our Father, we humbly ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your will. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

O: As Jesus taught us, let us ask the Father for what we need, trusting in his love and providential care.

C: Loving God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this, and all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, June 27, 2016

O: Let us now join in offering our prayers to God, our Father.

C: Lord God, hear and answer these prayers which we offer you through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

O: In confidence and trust, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to God, the almighty Father.

C: Lord our God, hear the prayers we bring before you today and grant us the grace and strength needed to do your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

O: Reminded of God's steadfast love through the preaching of the Apostles, we bring our prayers with confidence before the Lord.

C: Almighty and eternal God, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, June 30, 2016

- O: Let us join in offering our prayers for our needs, and those of the world, to God our almighty Father.
- C: Good and gracious God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer to you through Christ, our Lord.