

UNIVERSAL PRAYER OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

- O: Trusting in God's love and faithfulness, let us bring our petitions before him.
- C: Gracious and loving God, please hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, January 2, 2017

- O: Turning to our loving Father, let us humbly present our needs.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we place humbly before you today. Through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

- O: As God's children, we entrust our prayers to his loving care.
- C: Loving God, trusting in your saving power, we offer these prayers through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

- O: Trusting that our prayers will be heard and answered, we bring our intentions before God our Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you look upon our failings with mercy and love. Grant these prayers in the name of Jesus, your son.

Thursday, January 5, 2017

- O: With faith and trust in our Father who knows our hearts, let us offer our prayers of petition.
- C: Father, hear our prayers and continue to lead us along the path of peace, justice and kindness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Friday, January 6, 2017

- O: Confident in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us offer our petitions to the Lord.
- C: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace we need to persevere in faith and share your light and love with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, January 7, 2017

- O: Let us turn to our loving Father, who hears us when we call.
- C: Father, hear our prayers and grant us the grace and strength to do your will, so your kingdom of love and peace may be built up more fully on earth. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

- O: Knowing that we are loved beyond measure, let us, with confidence, offer our prayers of petition for the Church and our world.
- C: Gracious God, we trust in your boundless love, mercy and compassion. Please hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, January 9, 2017

- O: In confidence and trust, let us bring our prayers before our loving Father.
- C: Loving God, giver of all good gifts, hear our prayers and answer them according to your plan for us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

- O: Let us offer our prayers to God on behalf of those assembled here, and all those in need.
- C: Father, we lift our prayers to you in faith. We ask that you grant these petitions in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

- O: Trusting that the Lord lovingly watches over us and provides for our needs, let us offer our prayers to our Father in heaven.
- C: God of all creation, we thank you for all of your gifts, and ask that you hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, January 12, 2017

- O: With faith in God's never-failing mercy, let us bring our petitions to him, praying for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant that which will bring us closer to you and your kingdom. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 13, 2017

- O: Confident that God hears and answers our prayers, let us join in offering our petitions for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving Father, you heal us in body and soul. Hear and answer our prayers according to your most holy will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

- O: Understanding that the law of the Lord is perfect and refreshing to our souls, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Loving God, our rock and shelter, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

- O: With confidence and trust, let us bring our prayers and petitions before our merciful Father.
- C: Almighty and eternal God, our salvation comes from you alone. As you watch over the lives of your people, let us once again experience the transforming and strengthening power of your Holy Spirit. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, January 16, 2017

- O: Confident in the love of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, we stand in the presence of your Son, the bridegroom. We rejoice at his feast and give thanks for the salvation which his obedience won. Hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. We ask this through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

- O: Let us come before our provident God, trusting that he will provide for us in our need.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers. Answer them according to your will, which we trust is always for the greatest good. We ask this through Christ, the Lord.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

- O: With our faith and trust in the Lord's providence, let us present our prayer requests.
- C: Heavenly Father, in your loving kindness we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, for we offer them to you through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, January 19, 2017

- O: Grateful for the many good gifts and blessings God bestows upon us each day, let us now offer our prayers to the Lord.
- C: Father, hear our humble petitions, for we ask them in faith through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Friday, January 20, 2017

- O: Let us offer our prayers to God, who hears and answers them according to his will.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we lift our voices in prayer, and ask that you hear and answer our petitions. We bring these prayers to you through Jesus Christ, your son.

Saturday, January 21, 2017

- O: As we prepare with grateful hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we place our prayers before our loving Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, in your goodness and love hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

- O: Trusting in God who brought us from darkness to light through the gift of his Son, we present our needs.
- C: Father in heaven, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant what we ask in faith. We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Monday, January 23, 2017

- O: Mindful of Jesus' command to love one another, we offer these prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Gracious God, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers, which we offer through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

- O: With trust in the Father's love and concern for us, we present our prayers and petitions for our needs and the needs of others.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant us the patience and perseverance we need to do your will. We ask these things through Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

- O: Let us come together with one voice to bring our needs to our loving God.
- C: Almighty God and Father, you are the giver of all good things. We pray that you will hear our prayers and answer them according to your will, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, January 26, 2017

- O: Let us bring our needs before God, our loving and merciful Father.
- C: Almighty and eternal God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, and draw us closer to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Friday, January 27, 2017

- O: Trusting in the abundant mercy of God, let us offer our prayers of petition for the Church and our world.
- C: Almighty God, the full measure of your abundant harvest is beyond even our wildest imagination. We offer these prayers trusting that, in your goodness and mercy, you will answer them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, January 28, 2017

- O: As disciples navigating the stormy seas of this world, let us turn to the Lord with our prayers and petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, you know the needs of your people. Look favorably upon these petitions, and grant them according to your will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

- O: Confident that God hears and answers all of our prayers, let us join in offering him our petitions for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Gracious God, your ways overturn conventional wisdom. We offer our prayers today in the hope that, in granting them, your glory will prevail and penetrate even the most desperate of situations. We offer them through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, January 30, 2017

- O: Trusting in God's mercy, we place our prayers before him.
- C: Loving God, hear and answer these, our prayers, which we offer you through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

- O: Living in the light of God's love, let us turn to him with our prayers and petitions.
- C: Father, hear our prayers, both spoken and those held within the silence of our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

- O: Grateful for the love and guidance God extends to us each day, we offer our prayers to our loving and merciful Father in heaven.
- C: Lord, Redeemer of all, hear our prayers and, in your mercy, grant us what we need according to your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, February 2, 2017

- O: As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to be attentive to the messages of God's love as they are revealed in our time. Let us offer our prayers of petition for our Church and our world.
- C: Gracious God, in your goodness we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you through Christ our Lord.

Friday, February 3, 2017

- O: With gratitude for all that God has given us, let us make our prayers for the Church and for our world.
- C: Almighty Father, we thank you for your goodness and help, and ask that you look favorably on our prayers. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, February 4, 2017

- O: In trust and confidence that God hears and answers all our prayers, we join in offering our petitions for our needs and those of the world to our loving Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we desire to please you above all. Hear our humble petitions in accordance with your will, for we ask them in faith through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

- O: With the Holy Spirit stirring in our hearts, we bring our prayers and petitions before our eternal Father.
- C: Almighty God, as you once heard the prayers of your son, Jesus Christ, hear now our prayers and in your great love answer them. Let us experience anew your constant help and steadfast mercy. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Monday, February 6, 2017

- O: Let us lift our hearts in prayer to our Father in heaven, who made all things good.
- C: God our Father, from whom all good things come, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to live in love and unity with you and with one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

- O: Let us bring our petitions to the Father, confident of his desire to provide for all our needs.
- C: O God, hear us and grant our petitions, for you are our help and salvation. We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

- O: Confident in God's love and care for us despite our failings and sinfulness, we join in offering our prayers for our needs and those of the world to God the almighty Father.
- C: Loving Father, ever grateful for your love and care, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday, February 9, 2017

- O: With trust that the Father of all Creation hears and answers our prayers, we bring our needs before him today.
- C: Father in heaven, please hear and answer our prayers, which we ask through your son, Jesus.

Friday, February 10, 2017

- O: Assured that God hears and answers all our prayers, let us join in offering our petitions to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Father and Creator of all, hear our prayers and respond according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, February 11, 2017

- O: Trusting that God the Father hears and answers all our prayers, let us join together with humble hearts offering our prayers of petition for our needs and those of the world.
- C: Heavenly Father, Lord of all, we ask you to grant these petitions and all those we hold in our hearts, according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

- O: Grateful for the goodness of our loving Father, we offer him these prayers of petition.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers and grant us the grace needed to live in gratitude. We pray through your son, Jesus Christ.

Monday, February 13, 2017

- O: With trust in our gracious God, we place our petitions before him.
- C: Merciful Father, hear and answer our prayers which we offer you in the name of your son, Jesus.

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

- O: Recognizing that God is the source from whom all blessings flow, let us join in offering him our prayers for our needs and those of the world.
- C: God our Father, hear and grant these prayers, which we ask through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

- O: Aware of the Lord's promise to hear our every prayer, we present our petitions.
- C: O God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer you with humility and gratitude. Through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, February 16, 2017

- O: Confident in the compassion of our heavenly Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, you established a covenant with Noah and his descendants, and set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of your promise. Help us to always be mindful of your great love for us, and trust that you will answer our petitions according to your holy will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Friday, February 17, 2017

- O: Trusting that God watches over us, let us join with one another as we bring our needs before the Lord.
- C: Lord, hear our prayers and grant us the grace to live as faithful disciples of your son, Jesus, that we might one day come to share eternal life in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, February 18, 2017

- O: Let us now join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Heavenly Father, help us listen to the voice of your Son. Trusting in your mercy, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer you through Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

- O: Gathered as the holy people of God, we unite our voices to present our needs to the Lord.
- C: Gracious God, look with compassion upon these petitions. Grant to us all that brings us into greater unity with you, through Christ our Lord.

Monday, February 20, 2017

- O: Knowing in faith that God cares for all our needs, we come before him today with our prayers.
- C: Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the faith to place our prayers before you this day. Please answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ, the Lord.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

- O: Trusting that God provides for what we truly need, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Almighty Father, we offer these petitions confident that you know our needs, you who sent us your only son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

- O: As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we have the courage to approach the throne of God with the world's needs.
- C: Loving God, hear the prayers of your Church for the needs of our world, and grant them according to your will. We ask this through Jesus, your son.

Thursday, February 23, 2017

- O: As followers of God's will, we are confident that his love and mercy enable us to lead lives that are holy and true. We believe the prayers we now offer will be heard and granted through God's compassion.
- C: Almighty God, our deepest longing is to see you face to face in the heavenly kingdom. Hear our prayers and grant them according to your divine will, which empowers us to become victorious over that which tempts us into sin. Through Christ, our Lord.

Friday, February 24, 2017

- O: As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us present our needs to God with confidence in his mercy.
- C: Father, we thank you for your many blessings, and we ask you to graciously hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday, February 25, 2017

- O: With confidence in the love of the Father, let us bring our concerns in prayer to him.
- C: Heavenly Father, all that is good in this world comes from you. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers which we offer you through your son, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

- O: Trusting in God to fulfill the deepest desires of our hearts, and knowing that God will provide for all our needs, let us now offer our prayers of petition to our God.
- C: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to serve you faithfully – that we might come to enjoy eternal life in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Monday, February 27, 2017

- O: With hearts full of gratitude, we bring the Father our prayers for ourselves and for the needs of others.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear and answer our prayers according to your most holy will. For we offer them to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

- O: Knowing that God is merciful and desires that we come to him with our needs, we turn to him in humble petition.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and petitions today, for we ask them in faith through Jesus, our Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY

- O: Although at times we fall short of living in the way God calls us to live, let us with humble hearts seek God's grace and mercy as we offer our prayers of petition.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we turn to you with humble and contrite hearts. Hear the prayers we offer and grant them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, March 2, 2017

- O: Let us lift up our minds and hearts to the Lord as we present our petitions to him.
- C: Lord God of hope, we present these prayers in faith. We ask that you hear and answer them. Through Christ our Lord.

Friday, March 3, 2017

- O: Father of mercy, you ask us to always be mindful of the needs of those less fortunate. We bring our petitions before you in a spirit of gratitude and supplication.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we come to you mindful of our sinfulness. We ask that you grant our petitions according to your will, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, March 4, 2017

- O: God calls us to watch out for one another as brothers and sisters, and so we present to our loving God the needs of our family near and far.
- C: Gracious God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to walk in your way of love. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

- O: As we continue our Lenten journey of faith, let us offer these prayers to our heavenly Father, who loved us enough to offer his only Son for our sins.
- C: Heavenly Father, whose love knows no bounds, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we offer them to you through Christ our Lord.

Monday, March 6, 2017

- O: As we strive to be faithful to all God asks of us, let us join in bringing our needs before the Lord.
- C: Father, in your goodness hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to pour ourselves out in love and service to others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

- O: Let us join together and present our needs to our heavenly Father, confident in his power and love.
- C: Almighty God, in your goodness hear and answer our prayers. We ask these and all things through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

- O: Let us turn our minds and hearts to God, our Father, and place our needs before him.
- C: Father of all creation, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to turn away from sin so we may lead lives which glorify you in all things. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday, March 9, 2017

- O: Encouraged by Jesus' instruction to ask God for what we need, we place our petitions before him.
- C: Good and gracious God, we thank you for counting us as your sons and daughters. Hear and answer the prayers that we offer today, through Christ our Lord.

Friday, March 10, 2017

- O: Good and compassionate God, we bring our prayers and petitions before you, trusting that you will hear and answer.
- C: O God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to work to foster healing and peace in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, March 11, 2017

- O: In humility and trust, let us now turn to our Lord in prayer.
- C: Loving God, we are a people especially your own. Hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

- O: As we stand together at the foot of the cross and recall all that God has done for his people, let us present our needs to him, knowing he will respond in love.
- C: Almighty God, you are the giver of all good things. May our petitions give you praise as we trust in your mercy and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Monday, March 13, 2017

- O: Most merciful God, we ask that you hear and answer the humble petitions we place before you today.
- C: God of Mercy, hear and answer our prayers which we offer you through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

- O: Our God invites us to open our hearts and speak to him about our needs. We present these petitions with humble hearts.
- C: O God, you know us through and through. Hear our prayers while also filling our hearts with humility and gratitude. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

- O: Though he transcends the entire universe, our heavenly Father is attentive to the needs of each of us. Let us come before him, then, with our prayers.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers this day. Please answer them according to your will so that we might glorify your name always. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

- O: Merciful Father, we turn to you in prayer, trusting that you will hear our petitions.
- C: O God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to be good and faithful stewards of all you entrust to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Friday, March 17, 2017

- O: With humility, let us bring our prayers before a merciful God.
- C: Gracious Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in the name of Christ our Lord.

Saturday, March 18, 2017

- O: Grateful for the gifts of God's love and mercy which know no bounds, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Merciful Lord, we offer you our petitions, and ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

- O: As we journey through Lent may we, like Christ, be willing to enter into deep prayer with our God and bring before him our needs and hopes.
- C: Almighty and ever loving God, hear our prayers and continue to transform our hearts so we may serve you more fully and faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Monday, March 20, 2017

- O: Trusting that our heavenly Father will provide for us, we bring our needs in prayer to him.
- C: Lord God, your kindness and fidelity endure forever. Hear our prayers and provide for us in our need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

- O: We are a chosen people who seek to follow God with our whole heart. Let us, with humble and contrite hearts, now offer our prayers of petition.
- C: God Almighty, hear the prayers of petition we offer to you. In your kindness and mercy grant them according to your divine will. Through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

- O: Gathering our prayers together, we offer them to our Father in heaven.
- C: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to persevere in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

- O: Trusting that God hears and answers all our prayers, let us join in offering our petitions to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Merciful Father, we offer you these petitions in fidelity to your word, having been invited to do so by your only son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday, March 24, 2017

- O: Grateful that God is a loving Father, we come to him with our intentions, confident that he will hear and answer them.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the care you show us every day. Hear the prayers we offer you this day through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

- O: Knowing that we need God's guidance, grace and mercy to participate in helping those in need, let us turn to God and offer our prayers of petitions for the Church and our world.
- C: God Almighty, you alone know the totality of the plans you have for our lives. It is our hope that these prayers of petition are answered according to your divine will. Through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

- O: Seeking to eradicate our own spiritual blindness, let us petition our loving God to fill our hearts with his light.
- C: O God of Abraham and Father of Jesus, hear our prayer as we seek your wisdom and guidance. Grant us greater clarity of spiritual sight and draw us ever closer to you. We pray through Christ our Lord.

Monday, March 27, 2017

- O: Let us place our trust in our merciful Father and bring him our prayers.
- C: O God, hear and answer our prayers, which we offer you through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

- O: Knowing that God is present among us, let us bring our petitions to him, full of hope and gratitude.
- C: Heavenly Father, look down upon your children who come to you in their need, and grant their petitions in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

- O: United to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.
- C: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all you do for us. We bring these petitions to you, trusting in your loving providence, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, March 30, 2017

- O: Knowing our need for reconciliation, let us turn to God who pours out his love and mercy upon us.
- C: Father, we ask that you hear and answer the prayers we offer today in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, March 31, 2017

- O: With trust in God's timely and gracious providence, we place our needs before him.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and bless us with the grace to live with faith at all times, trusting that you know our needs best. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.