

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**

O: Trusting in our merciful Father who hears our prayers and desires our obedience, we bring our prayers to him.

C: Loving Father, trusting that you know our hearts and our desires, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we bring to you in your Son's holy name.

### **Monday, October 2, 2017**

O: Trusting in our Father's mercy and protection, let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

C: Loving Father, we trust in your mercy and protection. Be with us as we establish Christ's kingdom here on earth. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

### **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

O: Let us recall the loving mercy of God as we turn to him with all our needs.

C: Loving God, hear and answer the prayers of your children, strengthening us for the work we are called to do. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

### **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

O: Let us stand together and place our needs and the needs of the world before the Father, trusting in his loving providence.

C: Father, hear our petitions and grant what is consistent with your will. We ask these and all things through your son, Jesus Christ.

### **Thursday, October 5, 2017**

O: Let us now turn to our heavenly Father, who lovingly helps us in our need.

C: Almighty and eternal God, please hear our prayers, both spoken here and in the silence of our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **Friday, October 6, 2017**

O: With trust in God's love for us, let us offer our petitions to our merciful Father.

C: Loving God, in faith we offer these and other prayers, knowing that you hear us and will show us your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your son.

### **Saturday, October 7, 2017**

O: Gracious God, we humbly come before you and ask you to hear our prayers.

C: Gracious Father, we ask you to grant our prayers in the name of Jesus, your son.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**

O: Let our hearts be still as we place our needs before our heavenly Father.

C: God of peace, hear our prayers of petition this day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **Monday, October 9, 2017**

O: With trust in his loving mercy, let us present our petitions to our heavenly Father.

C: We ask you, Father, to hear our prayers in the name of Jesus, your son.

### **Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

O: Seeking to walk in the way of the Lord, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

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

### **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

O: Jesus teaches us to turn to the Lord in prayer. Let us now offer him the following prayers and petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, we approach you with humble hearts. Look favorably on our prayers as we prepare for the coming of your kingdom. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

- O: With Jesus' words about prayer from today's Gospel echoing in our ears, let us turn confidently to the Father with our needs.
- C: Heavenly Father, when we knock at your door in our need, you welcome us as your loving children and shower us with your providence. We give you thanks for answering our prayers this day, through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

- O: Heavenly Father, we look to you today for forgiveness, guidance and mercy as we bring you our petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask for your loving mercy and guidance as we strive to follow in your ways. Through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

- O: Striving always to hear the word of God and also to observe it, we come before our Lord with our needs and the needs of the whole world.
- C: Glorious God, blessed are those who put their trust in you. Be gracious to your people, we pray, and answer our prayers as is your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

- O: God provides for our every need. Let us place our petitions before him, trusting in his love and mercy.
- C: Loving Father, we rejoice in your saving power. Graciously hear and answer these prayers that we offer in the name of Jesus, your son.

**Monday, October 16, 2017**

- O: As followers of Christ, we are called to be holy and set apart for God. Trusting in God's love, let us join in presenting our prayers and petitions.
- C: Gracious God, we trust in your abundant love. Please hear and answer our prayers in your wisdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

- O: Together, let us bring our petitions to the Father, confident of his loving care for us.
- C: Holy God, we offer these petitions to you in faith and love. We ask that you grant them, as we pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

- O: Trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us offer our petitions to our heavenly Father.
- C: Gracious Father, like Saint Luke and the other evangelists who heard your call, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

- O: Mindful of our own needs, and those of our brothers and sisters, we ask our loving Father to hear our prayers.
- C: Loving Father, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, October 20, 2017**

- O: Let us now present our petitions to God our loving Father, who knows the sincerity of our hearts.
- C: God our Father, we thank you for the gift of faith and the greatness of your love. We ask that you hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

- O: Knowing that God is with us in our struggles, we offer him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Merciful Father, you alone know the depths of our hearts. Answer our prayers according to your will for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017**

O: Father, you know us and call us each by name. As your children, we come to you with our prayers.

C: Father, we bring you our petitions, trusting that in your love and in your time, you will hear and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, October 23, 2017**

O: With confidence that our Father hears all of our prayers, we now turn to him in our need.

C: Almighty God, you give us everything we need. Hear the prayers we offer you today. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

O: Seeking to lead lives that give glory to God and help to build up God's kingdom on earth, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Lord our God, we proclaim your justice and mercy. Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

O: Our Father in heaven has promised that he will hear and answer our prayers. Trusting in that promise, we bring him these petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your faithful ones. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

O: Having heard God's word, we now present our petitions for the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

C: Merciful God, we know you will always listen to our cries for help. We ask that you answer our prayers according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, October 27, 2017**

O: We now turn to God, our heavenly Father, asking for his grace and mercy.

C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers which we entrust to you today, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

O: United in Christ, we continue the mission Jesus passed on to the Twelve. Let us now bring our needs before the Lord.

C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant us what we need to continue Christ's mission on earth. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017**

O: With hearts full of humility and love, we make our prayers to the Father through the intercession of Christ, our Savior.

C: Almighty and eternal God, our salvation comes from you alone. We ask that you hear our prayer, which we offer through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

O: We bring our needs before God, who hears us and gives us what we need.

C: O God of mercy, you have given your Son to free us from our infirmities and make us co-heirs. Hear our prayers that we might one day rejoice with you in the heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

O: As members of God's kingdom on earth, we await its perfect fulfillment in heaven. In joyful hope we offer our prayers to God, confident in his love for us.

C: Loving Father, in your kindness, please hear and answer our prayers according to your holy will. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

O: Having been purchased by the blood of the Lamb, we humbly implore our God to hear our needs.

C: Father, in your goodness hear our prayers and answer them. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, November 2, 2017**

O: Let us humbly bring our petitions before the throne of our heavenly Father, with confidence he will hear and answer them.

C: Heavenly Father, in your mercy hear and answer our prayers according to your most holy and perfect will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, November 3, 2017**

O: As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us now join in offering our prayers to our loving Father.

C: Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

O: Our heavenly Father honors his covenant with his people. With humble hearts, let us now offer the following prayers and petitions.

C: Lord, your mercy and compassion are never-ending. May our prayers be answered in accordance with your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

O: Heavenly Father, you show us the path to life. Trusting in your goodness, we offer our prayers and petitions.

C: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers and continue to lead us along the path of mercy, love and life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

O: In wonder and gratitude at the depth of the mercy of our God, we humbly present our needs and the needs of all the world.

C: God of mercy, all things are from you and through you and for you. We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

O: God constantly invites us to serve him and to tend to the needs of his people. We respond now by offering our prayers for those in need.

C: Loving Father, you gift us with your grace and continually call us to service. Hear the prayers we ask in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

O: With confidence in God, let us turn to him with humility as we offer our prayers today.

C: Gracious God, you call us to follow you, knowing the cost. Please hear and answer our humble prayers today. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**

O: God is always faithful to his promises, and invites us to bring before him our needs.

C: Almighty and eternal God, we give you thanks and acclaim your holy name. We ask that you hear the prayers we ask through Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

O: Knowing that God is our loving Father, let us now turn to him with our prayers and petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, in your love and mercy hear and answer our prayers and petitions, for we trust that all things can be accomplished through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

O: Striving to live as good and faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, let us now join in offering our prayers for our needs and those of the world to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Lord God of justice and mercy, answer our prayers according to your holy will. Through Christ, our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

O: Loving Father, we come to you today with hope in your promises. Hear the prayers we bring to you this day.

C: Father, we ask that you hear and answer these prayers, and all those that we hold in the silence of our hearts. Through Christ, our Lord.

**Monday, November 13, 2017**

O: Humbly recognizing our ongoing need of God's mercy and forgiveness, let us join in offering our prayers to God, our almighty Father.

C: God of wisdom and mercy, hear the petitions we humbly lay before you this day. Grant us strong and forgiving hearts that we may carry out your will for us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

O: Heavenly Father, because we know your merciful love knows no bounds and that you will provide for us, we offer you our petitions.

C: Gracious God, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we offer them to you through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

O: Seeking to serve the Lord with humble and grateful hearts, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Loving Father, we are forever grateful for all you do for us. We thank you for hearing and answering our prayers in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

O: Seeking to lead lives that help build up God's kingdom on earth, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Lord God, hear the prayers we bring to you in faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, November 17, 2017**

O: Let us offer our petitions to God in the certainty that he hears us and can provide for our needs and the needs of the world.

C: Heavenly Father, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

O: Grateful for the abundant graces and blessings God bestows upon us each day, let us join in offering our prayers to God, our almighty Father.

C: Heavenly Father, in your goodness and love hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

O: Grateful for all that God has done for us, let us bring our prayers and petitions before him.

C: Almighty and eternal Father, we trust that your desire for us is mercy and steadfast love. We make our prayers with confidence and hope, through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, November 20, 2017**

O: We live in trust and confidence of our Father's desire for our welfare and well-being. Knowing this, we offer him our prayers for our needs and those of the world.

C: God of love, compassion and understanding, we bring these prayers to you confident that you will hear and answer them. Through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

O: Grateful for the gifts of God's grace and mercy poured out upon us through Christ Jesus, let us join in offering our prayers for our needs and those of the world to the Lord.

C: Loving God, you sent your Son to seek and to save what was lost. If it be your will, grant us what we ask in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

O: Trusting that God always listens to our prayers, let us make our needs known to him.

C: God our Creator, guardian of our homes and source of all blessings, hear the prayers we offer for all your people and for the entire world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, November 23, 2017**

O: With hearts that are grateful for the gifts and blessings God bestows upon us each day, let us join in offering him our prayers for our needs and concerns.

C: Father, in your goodness and love hear and answer our prayers. We offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Friday, November 24, 2017**

O: Most merciful Father, we come before you this day and humbly offer our prayers.

C: Gracious God, hear and answer our prayers according to your will. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, November 25, 2017**

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

C: Merciful Father, look with kindness upon our petitions, both spoken and unspoken, and in your mercy please grant them in accord with your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

O: Striving to always be open to Jesus so he might become more and more the Lord and ruler of our lives, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Heavenly Father, look kindly upon the requests which we humbly bring before you, and grant them according to your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, November 27, 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: Almighty God, you are our refuge and our hope. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

O: In humility and trust, let us offer our prayers and petitions to our loving Father in heaven.

C: Glorious God, you have sent your Son to save and redeem us. Hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to lead lives which sing your praises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

O: As we place our trust in God and rely on his mercy, let us lift up in prayer our needs, and those of the world.

C: Father in heaven, who is all good and deserving of our love, hear and answer our prayers which we offer you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

O: Striving to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, let us join in offering our prayers to God, who lovingly watches over us and provides for what we most truly need.

C: Heavenly Father, hear and answer our prayers. For we offer them to you through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Friday, December 1, 2017**

O: Confident that God cares about all of his creation, let us approach him with assurance, knowing that he hears our prayers.

C: God, our Creator, you alone know what we need. Hear our prayers and answer them in the way that is best. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

O: Heavenly Father, we turn to you in gratitude for the many ways you have protected us, and ask for your mercy and grace as we offer our prayers to you.

C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings of life and the beauty of our world. Hear our prayers through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017**

O: Heavenly Father, you rouse us from our worldly sleep. Knowing that you hear our voice, we turn to you with our needs and longings.

C: Merciful God, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and prepare our hearts for the day of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

O: Let us turn to our heavenly Father with confidence, knowing he hears our prayers.

C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear the prayers of your faithful people through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

O: Let us together offer our petitions to God, confident of his immeasurable love for us.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, and grant what is in your divine plan for us. We ask these, and all things, through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

O: Our Lord responds to the needs of his people. Let us now offer him the following prayers for our assembly, our Church and our world.

C: Merciful Father, hear the prayers of your people. Heal and nourish us so we may carry out our mission in this world. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

O: With confidence in the God who always hears us, let us offer our prayers to the Father, who loves justice and right.

C: Lord God, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to lead lives which are holy and pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

O: Loving Father, you ask us to trust in your care for us; please listen to the prayers we now offer.

C: Heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon Mary, who cooperated through obedience in human salvation. Hear our prayers today and help us to trust in your plan for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

O: As we prepare our hearts during this Advent season for the coming of Christ, let us in confidence bring our needs to our loving Father.

C: Father, you have created us for goodness and happiness. We ask you to hear our prayers and answer them according to your divine will. Through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017**

O: Confident in the Father's love, mercy and compassion, let us now bring our prayers and petitions before him.

C: God of mercy and compassion, we offer our prayers to you in faith. We ask that you grant them according to your holy will, through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, December 11, 2017**

O: Seeking to have hearts that are open and receptive to God's healing and saving grace, let us offer him our prayers.

C: Loving God, we acknowledge you as the source of all that we need. We ask that you answer our prayers according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

O: New life and salvation came into the world through Mary's fidelity to God's will. Seeking to live as his faithful disciples, we offer our prayers to the Lord.

C: Almighty and living God, we seek, like Mary, to ponder your many blessings in our lives and praise you for your steadfast and eternal mercy. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

O: Thankful for God's mercy and love, we now present the needs of our Church and our world to God, who is all-gracious and powerful.

C: Almighty Father, we ask that you hear these prayers we bring before you in the name of your son, Jesus, our Lord.

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

O: Brothers and sisters, let us turn in prayer to our merciful Father and offer our petitions for this day.

C: Heavenly Father, the source of all goodness, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, December 15, 2017**

O: Trusting in God our Father, we now present our needs and those of our brothers and sisters.

C: Father of all creation, look with love upon your people. We ask that you hear our prayers and grant us these petitions. Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

O: Anticipating the coming of the Lord, let us place our needs before the Father this day.

C: Almighty God, hear our prayers as we prepare ourselves for your Son's return. May we be found ever watchful. This we pray through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017**

O: We bring our needs before you, our loving Father, confident that you hear our prayers.

C: O God of Light and love, you sent your Son to enlighten our world and keep us out of darkness. Hear our prayers, which we ask through Christ, our Lord.

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

O: We join together, as God's family, in presenting our needs to our heavenly Father.

C: Heavenly Father, in your love and mercy, please hear the prayers we offer this day. Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

O: Striving to walk humbly with God, let us turn our hearts to our heavenly Father and present our petitions to him.

C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your enduring love and care. We ask that you hear our humble petitions through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

O: As one voice, let us offer our petitions to God, with the blessed assurance that he can and will provide for our needs and the needs of the world.

C: Almighty God, we bring our prayers to you and ask that you hear and answer them. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

O: As we joyfully prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, we lay before our loving Father the needs of our Church and our world.

C: Loving Father, we ask you to look with favor on these petitions and all the concerns we hold in our hearts, as we entrust them to you. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, December 22, 2017**

O: Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord. As we rejoice, let us offer these prayers for the needs of the Church, the assembly and the world.

C: Heavenly Father, you do great things for us. Remember your promise of mercy as you look favorably on our prayers. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**

O: Confident in God's mercy and love, let us place our requests before him.

C: O God, in your goodness and love hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017**

O: Trusting in God's faithfulness, let us offer our prayers to him.

C: Lord, God, we join Mary and the angels in rejoicing in your love for us. We thank you for hearing the prayers we present to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS – VIGIL**

O: In faith and trust, let us turn to our heavenly Father, grateful for the good things he has already bestowed upon us.

C: Heavenly Father, grant these petitions, which we make with gratitude in our hearts, for your gift of our Savior. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS – MASS AT NIGHT**

O: Vast is the dominion of Christ, the newborn king. May he bless us now with his gift of peace, as we make our prayers and petitions to God our Father.

C: Eternal Father, we ask that you hear our prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts on this holy day. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS – MASS DURING THE DAY**

O: Celebrating the glad tidings of this day, we now reach out to God with our prayers.

C: Father, you sent your son, Jesus, to a world in need of salvation. We ask that you hear our prayers, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017**

O: In gratitude for the courage of the martyrs and with faith in God's promise to save those who endure, we bring our petitions to our Father in heaven.

C: Loving Father, we trust that you will hear and answer these and all our prayers, which we bring to you through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017**

O: With the full assurance of God's love, let us now turn to him and offer our prayers and petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, you are the giver of peace and the healer of souls. Please hear and answer our petitions, for we ask them through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, December 28, 2017**

O: Confident that God always listens to the pleadings of his Church, let us turn to him with our petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to earth and placed him in the loving care of Mary and Joseph. He dwells among us still and intercedes for our needs. We offer these prayers through that same son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, December 29, 2017**

O: Relying on the providence of the Father, let us present our petitions to him, praying for our own needs and those of the world.

C: Hear us, O God, and grant what is in your divine will for us. We ask this and all things in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**

O: In this Christmas Octave, confident of God's love and mercy, let us place all our petitions before our heavenly Father.

C: Almighty Father, all powerful in overcoming evil, we ask you to grant these petitions, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017**

O: Loving God, you are the giver of all that is good. We offer our prayers and petitions, trusting in your loving response to our call.

C: Father, in your goodness, hear the prayers your family offers you this day and help us to serve one another. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.