

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER
OPENINGS and CLOSINGS**

Monday, October 1, 2018

- O: United in faith, let us bring our prayers for ourselves and for the world before God.
- C: Good and gracious God, listen to the prayers of your people. If it is your will, grant what we have asked. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

- O: With God as our loving Father, let us bring our prayers before him.
- C: Heavenly Father, your love never fails us. Please hear and answer our prayers, for we offer them through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

- O: As people of faith, let us turn to God our Father with our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving Father, as you hold us in the palm of your hand, we thank you for your presence among us. We ask you to hear and answer our prayers according to your will, through your son Jesus Christ.

Thursday, October 4, 2018

- O: Trusting in God's loving care and providence, let us offer him our prayers.
- C: Heavenly Father, please accept the prayers we offer you with humble trust, and grant us reassurance of your loving care. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, October 5, 2018

- O: With hopeful hearts, we approach our God who created us, presenting our needs and those of the world.
- C: Loving God, you bless those who fear you and walk in your ways. Guide us, we pray, along the everlasting way that leads to your eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, October 6, 2018

- O: Let us pray together and offer to the Lord our own needs and those of all people.
- C: Loving Father, hear these prayers and help us to be faithful as we strive to do your will. We pray through your son, Jesus Christ.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

- O: With trust in his goodness, let us bring before the Lord our needs.
- C: Loving God, we thank you for the blessings we have received in our families. With confidence, we entrust our prayers to you and pray that what we have asked in faith we may obtain, through Christ our Lord.

Monday, October 8, 2018

- O: Let us now offer our prayers and petitions to our merciful Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we implore you to hear these prayers and those we hold in our hearts. We pray this in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

O: Trusting in the Lord who welcomes us, we bring our prayers and petitions to him, for he is merciful and gracious.

C: Merciful Father, look graciously upon the prayers of your faithful gathered in your presence. We ask this in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

O: Reminded that we are invited to call on God as our loving Father, let us lift up our prayers to him.

C: Gracious Father, receive these prayers and lead us to greater holiness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, October 11, 2018

O: Gathering our needs before the Lord, and confident that we are heard, let us present our petitions to him.

C: Gracious God, we come knocking at your door knowing you hear our every prayer. Help us to remain faithful to your ways each day. We pray through Christ our Lord.

Friday, October 12, 2018

O: With trust in our God who hears all our prayers, let us turn to him with our needs and the needs of the world.

C: Almighty, ever-powerful God, look favorably on our prayers and help us always to do your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, October 13, 2018

O: Confident that the Father hears our prayers, let us bring our needs to him.

C: Heavenly Father, we unite our lives and hearts to you this day. Thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them according to your will. We ask all these things through your son, Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

O: God knows our needs in this life and the next. Let us present to him the needs of our world.

C: Heavenly Father, you know all our desires and wants before we even ask. We bring these petitions before you with the faith that you always provide us with what we need, through your son, Christ our Lord.

Monday, October 15, 2018

O: Rejoicing in the freedom Christ has gained for us, let us present our needs to the Lord.

C: Loving God, we thank you for your grace and mercy. Please hear and answer our prayers in your wisdom, through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

O: Let us approach our loving God with confidence as we offer our needs in prayer.

C: Heavenly Father, we offer our prayers with confidence in your love. Hear and answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

O: With grateful hearts, we join in offering our prayers and petitions to the Lord.

C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us in our daily lives. We ask that you hear our prayers, which we offer through your son, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, October 18, 2018

O: Our heavenly Father calls us by name and showers us with the graces we need to follow him. Let us now offer our prayers to him as we strive to do his will.

C: Father, you gave Saint Luke the courage to follow and trust you. Grant us those same graces as we bring these and all of our intentions to you this day. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, October 19, 2018

O: With grateful hearts and trust in God's mercy, we offer our prayers and petitions for our needs and the needs of the world.

C: O God of love, you know us and you know what we need. Hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

O: Together, let us humbly present our petitions to our loving Father.

C: Almighty God, we entrust our needs to you, confident of your providential love. We offer these petitions through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

O: Guided by a spirit of true humility and compassion, we bring our prayers and needs before the Lord.

C: Almighty God and Father, lover of justice and protector of all who struggle, hear our prayers and in your great mercy answer them. We pray this through your son, Christ our Lord.

Monday, October 22, 2018

O: Trusting in the generosity of the Lord, let us bring our prayers and petitions to him.

C: Heavenly Father, look favorably on the prayers of your faithful gathered here. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

O: We have been built as a dwelling place of God, so let us confidently present to him our needs.

C: Ever loving God, we present these needs to you, and the needs in our hearts, trusting that you will fulfill them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

O: God continuously calls us to be faithful stewards of our blessings and talents. Let us approach the Lord, presenting our needs before him.

C: Gracious God, help us each to pattern our lives after the example of your Son and our Divine Master. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, October 25, 2018

O: Let us now turn to the Father, with prayers for our Church and for the needs of all the world.

C: Heavenly Father, you accomplish far more than we can ever ask or imagine. Hear our prayers and allow the Spirit to work within us, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, October 26, 2018

O: In faith, let us humbly offer our prayers and petitions to the Lord.

C: Loving God, we thank you for listening to the prayers of your people, which we have offered to you with sincere and hopeful hearts. In Christ's name we pray.

Saturday, October 27, 2018

O: Confident that God's generous blessings are extended toward us, let us present our needs to the Lord.

C: Gracious God, hear our petitions and help us to grow in holiness and love. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018

O: With clear sight and our eyes focused on Jesus, let us join together in prayer as we present our petitions to God.

C: Heavenly Father, please accept these petitions which we present with humble faith, knowing you will take care of our needs as you will. We offer these through Jesus Christ, your son.

Monday, October 29, 2018

O: Trusting that we are the beloved children of God, we bring our prayers to him.

C: Father of mercy, hear the prayers of your children gathered here and look kindly upon our intentions. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

O: With trust in God's goodness and love, let us now offer our prayers for the needs of the Church and the people of the world.

C: Loving God, hear our prayers. Allow your Spirit to work within us so we may build your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

O: Let us pray in confidence to our heavenly Father, who hears our every prayer.

C: Heavenly Father, please hear and answer these prayers, for we ask them through Christ, our Lord.

Thursday, November 1, 2018

O: As we seek to live out the beatitudes during our time on earth, let us offer our petitions to our Father in heaven.

C: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, November 2, 2018

O: We bring our needs to our heavenly Father, confident that he will hear our prayers.

C: God of Mercy, may all who sleep in Christ, and all who seek you with a sincere heart, find in your presence light, happiness and peace. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, November 3, 2018

O: Trusting that the Father is good and that his kindness endures forever, we offer our prayers to him.

C: Ever-loving and gracious Father, we humbly pray that you bless the petitions we place before you today. We ask this through your son, Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

O: Following the example of Jesus, who sacrificed himself for our sins, let us join our voices in prayer as we ask the Father to hear our needs.

C: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers framed in love and hope for your generous mercy. We offer this in the name of Jesus, your son.

Monday, November 5, 2018

O: Confident in the love of our Father, let us join together in asking him to hear and answer our prayers according to his will.

C: Almighty Father, as your children, we come to you with all our needs, knowing you will always care for us. Keep us safe, we ask, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

O: Aware of our dependence on our generous and loving heavenly Father, let us humbly lay our needs and the needs of all humankind before him.

C: Heavenly Father, you generously nourish our hearts with the abundance of your love. Hear these prayers we offer you in the name of your son Jesus, our Lord.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

O: Knowing that it is God who works in us so we may desire the good and strive toward it, we offer these prayers of petition to him with confidence he will hear them.

C: Saving God, you are our light and our salvation. Grant our prayers, we beseech you, as is your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, November 8, 2018

O: Confident in God's love for us, let us offer him our petitions for the needs of the world.

C: Good and Gracious God, hear our prayers and grant what is consistent with your will for us. We ask these and all things in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Friday, November 9, 2018

O: As temples of the Holy Spirit, let us confidently present our prayers to God.

C: God of all creation, hear these prayers that we present to you and answer them in accordance with your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday, November 10, 2018

O: With faithful hope, let us bring our prayers to our loving God, who hears the cry of the poor.

C: Almighty Father, look kindly upon these prayers by your children gathered here today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

O: Gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist, let us offer our prayers to God for ourselves and for the whole world.

C: Almighty and ever-loving God, we ask that you hear our prayers and help us to build your kingdom on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

Monday, November 12, 2018

- O: Let us turn to God by presenting our petitions to him, knowing that he is merciful and just.
- C: Heavenly Father, we bring our needs and the needs of the Church to you with humble hearts. We ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through your son, Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

- O: Let us now open our hearts and minds to our merciful Father, and offer him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Merciful Father, hear the prayers of your servants. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

- O: Trusting in the kind and generous love of our merciful God, let us offer our prayers to him this day.
- C: Heavenly Father, we offer our petitions with gratitude for your great mercy. As you heard the prayers of the lepers, please hear and answer our prayers this day, through your son, Christ our Lord.

Thursday, November 15, 2018

- O: In confidence, let us gather our prayers and offer them to our Father.
- C: God of consolation, we beg the grace we need to create a world based on your love and your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Friday, November 16, 2018

- O: Knowing that all our hope is in the Lord, we have confidence to approach God with our needs and the needs of the world.
- C: Almighty Father, look upon your people gathered here and hear our prayers. We ask all things through your son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, November 17, 2018

- O: With humble and contrite hearts, let us offer our prayers to the Father, who is most gracious and merciful.
- C: O God, hear our prayers. Help us to persevere in prayer so that one day we may be with you for all eternity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

- O: Rejoicing in the gift of a loving Savior, we offer our prayers today to the Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Son who is the perfect sacrifice. Hear these and all of our prayers, and help us more fully prepare for the day when Jesus comes again. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

Monday, November 19, 2018

- O: With faith in the God of mercy and healing, let us offer our prayers this day.
- C: Heavenly Father, please hear and answer our prayers this day according to your holy will. We ask in the name of Jesus, your son.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

O: Trusting in God's power and love, let us offer our prayers for ourselves and for others throughout the world.

C: Holy God, hear and answer our prayers, for you are our hope and salvation. We ask these things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

O: With confidence in the love and personal concern of our God, we present him with our prayers and petitions.

C: Loving Father, we present these prayers to you in absolute trust that you know our needs. We ask that you grant these petitions, which we bring in the name of your son, Jesus.

Thursday, November 22, 2018

O: We come before God, our Father, with the prayers of our hearts, confident of his loving promise to hear and answer them.

C: Father in heaven, we trust in your providence. Hear and answer our prayers in your wisdom and in your time. We ask this through your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Friday, November 23, 2018

O: United in faith, let us bring the needs and prayers of the Church and the world before our saving Lord.

C: Loving God, hear the prayers of your humble servants; we offer them knowing all things are possible for you who are Lord and King, forever and ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, November 24, 2018

O: Let us join our hearts and present our needs to our heavenly Father.

C: God and Father of the living, receive our prayers with your love and mercy. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

O: With trust in our God of love and compassion, we gather our prayers and offer them to him.

C: Lord, on this day when we celebrate your almighty kingship, we ask you to hear the words of your people and grant our needs as you will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Monday, November 26, 2018

O: As we approach the holy season of Advent, let us remember the promises of Jesus and offer our prayers in faith to our merciful God.

C: Loving God, full of compassion and mercy, hear our prayers and answer according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

O: Aware of God's presence at work in our lives, we humbly ask the Lord to hear our prayers.

C: Gracious Father, hear this day the prayers of all your children, those spoken and those that remain in the quietness of our hearts. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

O: Together with one voice, we offer our prayers to our heavenly Father.

C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them according to your will. We pray through your son, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, November 29, 2018

O: With confidence in our God who is merciful, we ask him now to hear us as we pray.

C: O merciful and loving God, you sent us Christ to teach us to come to you when we need anything. Hear us as we humbly place our needs before you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Friday, November 30, 2018

O: Because our God is ever faithful, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions.

C: Heavenly Father, your love is never-ending. Please hear and answer our prayers which we ask through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, December 1, 2018

O: Let us bring our prayers to God, seeking what we need to be faithful to his ways.

C: Heavenly Father, great is your name. Help us to seek after those things that lead us closer to your kingdom. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

O: The Lord calls us to be vigilant at all times. With confidence in our hearts, we bring our prayers before him.

C: Father, give us the courage to be vigilant in hope and prayer as we await Jesus' return in glory. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

Monday, December 3, 2018

O: Let us bring all of our petitions to God our Father, who loves each one of us and invites us to follow his ways.

C: Heavenly Father, our trust is in you. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your will, through your son, Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

O: Let us entrust our needs, and the needs of all people, to our wise and loving Father in heaven.

C: Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear the prayers we place before you with humble trust in your wisdom and love. Through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

O: Rejoicing in the saving power of God, we gather our needs and present them with courage and with hope.

C: Gracious God, you lead us beside restful waters and refresh our souls. We pray that you bring us to your holy mountain as we look to you to heal and feed us. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, December 6, 2018

O: Let us humbly place our needs, and the needs of the world, at the feet of our loving God.

C: Father, hear the cries of your children and provide for us what we need to live according to your holy will. We pray these things through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, December 7, 2018

O: Trusting in the Lord's goodness, we bring together the prayers of our community of faith.

C: Eternal Father, hear the prayers of your faithful and look upon them with kindness. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.

Saturday, December 8, 2018

O: With our hope firmly planted in God, let us bring our petitions before the Lord.

C: Father, we thank you for your love that, even in the midst of our sin, reaches out to bring us closer to you. Hear our prayers this day that we ask through your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

O: Baptized in Christ, we join together as one voice to place our needs before God.

C: Lord, we present these prayers with humble hearts, and ask that you answer our needs in your infinite wisdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday, December 10, 2018

O: As those in the Gospel brought their friend before the Lord, let us together bring the needs of our brothers and sisters before him.

C: Lord of healing, hear these prayers we have offered to you in hope and faith, and fulfill them as you will. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord.

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

O: Taking comfort in God's boundless love for each of us, let us bring our concerns to the Lord.

C: Heavenly Father, accept these prayers like the shepherd who gathers the lambs in his arms. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

O: Inspired by Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us bring our prayers before our God.

C: O God who brings light to all people, listen graciously to the prayers we have brought before you. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, December 13, 2018

O: Jesus encouraged us to trust God and to know he hears and answers our prayers. So let us present those prayers to him now.

C: Heavenly Father, we ask you to look favorably upon the petitions we offer. Through Christ our Lord.

Friday, December 14, 2018

O: With confidence in our wise and loving God, let us offer our prayers to him.

C: Almighty Father, the glory of your Son shines all around for us to see. May his love thrive in and through us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

O: Confident that God knows our every challenge and concern, we ask him to hear our prayers today.

C: God, we turn to you with our prayers, confident that you hear them and give us new life when we call upon your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

O: As we await the fulfillment of God's kingdom, let us bring our prayers and concerns for the Church and the world before our God.

C: Gracious and loving God, your patience with us is beyond our understanding. As we place these prayers before you, teach us to be patient and to rejoice in your holy will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Monday, December 17, 2018

O: Trusting in the love of our merciful Father, let us lay our petitions before him.

C: Almighty and ever-loving God, we humbly pray that you bless these petitions, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

O: Let us now turn to our God in prayer as we bring to mind the needs of all God's people.

C: Heavenly Father, as we move closer to the Nativity of Jesus, we ask you to receive our petitions and answer them according to your will. Through your son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

O: We now look to our Father in heaven, entrusting our needs and the needs of the world to his wisdom and love.

C: Loving God, hear the prayers we entrust to your wise and loving plan. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Thursday, December 20, 2018

O: Believing with grateful hearts that nothing will be impossible for God, we approach and offer our needs and our desires.

C: Good and gracious God, you are the King of Glory. Hear our prayers, we implore you, and answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Friday, December 21, 2018

O: Together, let us offer our prayers to the Father, for our needs and those of the world.

C: God of power and might, nothing is impossible for you. Hear our prayers and grant what we need. We pray through Christ our Lord.

Saturday, December 22, 2018

O: Gathering together in one Spirit in Christ, we present our needs to our Almighty God who lifts up the lowly.

C: Gracious Father, hear the prayers of your servants gathered here, and remember your promise of mercy. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

O: As we come nearer to the arrival of Jesus, we turn to our Father, entrusting to him our needs and those of our world.

C: Loving God, everything we have is a gift from you. Grant us trust in your providence as we pray for the needs of those around us. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus.

Monday, December 24, 2018

O: Knowing we can trust in the Lord's promises, we offer him our petitions.

C: God our Father, in your love for us, you sent your Son to save us. As we await the joyful celebration of his birth, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS – VIGIL

O: With generous and loving hearts, we bring our prayers to the Father.

C: Father, we ask that you hear our prayers and petitions, for we ask them through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS – NIGHT

O: As Light enters the world, let us raise our voices in prayer, filled with joy and trust in the promises of our Lord.

C: Dear Lord our God, in hope and faith we join together as believers to offer these petitions to you and ask that you look favorably upon them. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your son.

CHRISTMAS – DAY

O: We give humble thanks for the Son who allows us to see and believe. And we offer these prayers to the Father who is the giver of all good things.

C: Father in heaven, all good things come from you. We implore you to hear these and all of our prayers this day, for we ask them through your son, Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

O: As we seek to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, let us offer our petitions to our Father in heaven.

C: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, December 27, 2018

O: Relying on the promises of Jesus, we make our prayer requests to our heavenly Father.

C: We make these prayer requests to you, our heavenly Father, in the name of your son, Jesus.

Friday, December 28, 2018

O: Let us turn to God, the source of all grace, and present these prayers for our needs and the needs of the world.

C: God of Light and Goodness, we bring these needs to you with trust in your merciful love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday, December 29, 2018

O: With joyful hope, let us turn now to God with all of our needs.

C: Loving God, we have placed our petitions before you. Relying on your promises, we trust that you hear and answer them. Through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

O: Let us humbly come before our heavenly Father and present our needs, trusting always in his love for us.

C: Father, we give thanks for the gift of marriage and family, and we ask you to continue to pour out your many blessings upon us. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday, December 31, 2018

O: Let us offer our petitions to God, on behalf of the needs of the Church and the world.

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

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

O: God made salvation available through the coming of his Son who was born of Mary. Let us now approach him with our needs.

C: Father in heaven, we bring you these prayers and the intentions of our hearts this day, trusting that in your time and according to your will, you will hear and answer us through your son, Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

O: With hearts filled with joyful praise, we petition our loving God.

C: Loving Father, hear the prayers of your people as we give thanks for the gift of your Son alive in our hearts and working in our lives. Through your son, Christ our Lord.

Thursday, January 3, 2019

O: Let us join together to present our petitions to our heavenly Father.

C: Heavenly Father, your children cry out to you and trust in your loving care. Hear now our prayers which we offer through your son, Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 4, 2019

O: Let us turn to God in trust, confident that he will respond to our petitions.

C: Loving Father, we trust always in your love and mercy, and we thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to bring salvation to the world. Hear the prayers we offer today through your son, Christ our Lord.

Saturday, January 5, 2019

O: With confidence and trust, let us bring our prayers and needs before the Father.

C: Almighty and eternal God, you sent your only Son as Lord and Savior. Hear our prayers and grant us the grace to be always steadfast in faith and joyful in hope. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

- O: On this great day of Epiphany, we bring our petitions to God, confident that he hears and answers our prayers.
- C: Father, as we join the Magi in adoration and praise, we bring you these and all of our intentions, trusting that you hear and answer your children. We ask this and all of our prayers through your son, Christ our Lord.