

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS**

### **Monday, January 1, 2018**

- O: On this day that we celebrate Mary, Mother of God, who with trust said yes to God's plan, let us bring our petitions to the Lord, trusting that his plan will bring us the fullness of life.
- C: Father from whom all goodness flows, hear our prayers and the prayers we hold in our hearts. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

- O: Let us now present our petitions to the Father, trusting in his goodness.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant what is consistent with your divine plan. We offer these petitions through your son, Jesus Christ.

### **Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

- O: Lord, we bring before you our needs, confident that you hear us.
- C: God of truth and love, you have given us your Son in order to show us the way to you. We ask that you hear these prayers we offer, through Christ our Lord.

### **Thursday, January 4, 2018**

- O: John the Baptist and Andrew led others to Christ. Continuing their mission, let us bring our needs before the Lord.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear and answer the prayers of your children. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

### **Friday, January 5, 2018**

- O: Trusting in your mercy, we place our petitions before you, our loving God.
- C: Gracious and loving God, we ask you to hear these petitions in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

### **Saturday, January 6, 2018**

- O: Together, we gather in prayer to ask the Father to grant our needs and those of our brothers and sisters.
- C: God our Father, you proclaimed to the world that Jesus is your beloved Son. Accept our prayers today. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**

- O: As heirs of salvation, we have confidence to approach God with the needs of our world.
- C: God of glory, we place these prayers in your hands, trusting that you will grant the people of our world what they most need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Monday, January 8, 2018**

- O: Gathered as a family united in faith and baptism, let us with confidence bring our needs and prayers before our loving God and Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, look with favor on us your children as you looked with favor on your only Begotten Son. We offer these prayers through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

- O: With confidence and trust, let us make our petitions known to the Lord.
- C: We make these petitions to you, Father, with confidence in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

- O: God calls on us to care for our brothers and sisters around the world. Let us, then, approach God with our prayers for others and for ourselves.
- C: God of compassion, you speak to our hearts and call us to care for one another. Hear these prayers that we bring out of concern for our world, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

- O: Trusting in our God alone to heal us and bring us peace, we approach in confidence, bringing with us our needs.
- C: Merciful God, you provide for all people and bring healing to those who call upon you. Hear the prayers we offer to you, we pray, and grant them as is your will, through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

- O: Confident in God's love and care for us, let us turn to him with our prayers of petition.
- C: Loving Father, we bring these needs before you, trusting that you will respond to our prayers, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

- O: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers we offer in faith and hope.
- C: O, God, Creator of the Universe and source of all that is good in our world, hear our prayers and grant them according to your will. We pray through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

- O: Andrew and Peter sought the Lord and stayed with him. Let us seek him with steadfast hearts as we offer our petitions this day.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

- O: Let us now present our needs to our loving and compassionate God.
- C: O everlasting God, who sent your Son to bring us new life, hear our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

- O: Confident in his mercy, we ask God to hear our prayers.
- C: God, giver of all freedom, we ask you to hear our prayers and show us your holy mercy, through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

- O: Let us present our petitions to God, mindful of the many blessings he has bestowed upon us.
- C: Heavenly Father, look favorably on the prayers of your people. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

- O: Our Lord Jesus tells us that the Father always desires to hear our prayers. Trusting in our Lord, we offer him our prayers and needs.
- C: Father, we offer these prayers to you, confident that you will hear and answer them. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, January 19, 2018**

- O: We place our trust in God as we offer our prayers to him for our needs and the needs of the world.
- C: Holy God, hear us in our need. We ask these and all things through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

- O: Placing our needs in the hands of the Lord, let us now lift up our prayers to the heavenly Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your children. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

- O: Heeding God's call, we place before the Lord our needs so that we might follow him.
- C: Gracious God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, which we offer through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

O: Raising our voices with trust in our heavenly Father, we present our prayers for ourselves and the world.

C: Heavenly Father, you give power to the weak and guidance to the lost. Hear the prayers we offer today in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

O: Let us bring our prayers to the Father, who knows us as sons and daughters.

C: Loving Father, hear and answer the prayers of your children according to your will. We ask you in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

O: Let us come humbly before the Lord and ask him to hear our petitions.

C: We pray these prayers with confidence to you, Father, in the name of your son, Jesus.

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

O: God calls us all to have concern for our brothers and sisters around the world, so let us present him with our prayers.

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

**Friday, January 26, 2018**

O: Called by the Lord to open ourselves to the mysteries of the kingdom, we present with faithful hearts our prayers of petition.

C: Loving God, we bring our prayers before you with confidence that you will hear and answer them. Grant what we ask according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, January 27, 2018**

O: God the Father, we bring to you these prayers, trusting through faith in your loving providence.

C: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son for our salvation. Hear the prayers we bring to you today with trusting hearts, in his name.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

O: The Lord is our Shepherd, and we are the people who belong to his pasture. With confidence, we bring our needs and petitions before the Lord.

C: Eternal Father, all life and authority has its source in you and every good gift comes from you. Graciously hear and answer our prayers for these gifts. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, January 29, 2018**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

O: Let us respond to God's Word by offering our prayers and petitions for those in need.

C: Loving God, hear these and all the prayers we hold within our hearts. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

O: Rejoicing and growing in God's gift of faith, let us pray for our needs and those of all creation.

C: Almighty God, we rely on Jesus who is our way, our truth and our life. We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**

O: Confident that God will provide for all our needs, let us present our petitions to him.

C: Lord God, ruler of heaven and earth, hear our prayers offered today in humble submission to your will. We bring them to you through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, February 2, 2018**

- O: As we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, let us offer to God our prayers.
- C: Heavenly Father, we entrust ourselves to you by living as faithful followers of your Son. We ask that you hear these prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

- O: Let us offer our prayers and petitions on behalf of the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
- C: O God, in your compassion hear us and answer our prayers. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

- O: We now turn to our God, who is the source of all grace, and present our prayers and petitions.
- C: Lord God, we thank you for your great love and mercy. Please hear our prayers, which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

- 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.

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

- O: We come before the Lord with humility, acknowledging his awesome grace at work in our lives.
- C: Almighty God, hear our prayer that one day we might be with you in Paradise, and strengthen our resolve to be faithful disciples. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

- O: United as the body of Christ, we turn to our Lord with prayers for the good of our assembly, the Church and the world.
- C: Merciful God, grant us your wisdom. Answer our prayers so we may come to you with clean hearts and pure minds. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

- O: Heavenly Father, knowing that you always respond to a prayer offered in faith, we come before you, and ask you to hear our petitions.
- C: Father in heaven, in your eternal love, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers. We pray through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

- O: God continues to astound us with his great works of love. Let us offer to him our prayers for people throughout the world.
- C: God of great wonders, hear the prayers we present to you, and bring joy to those for whom we pray. Through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

- O: Aware of his concern for us, let us bring our needs to God, knowing he will not send us away hungry.
- C: Almighty Father, we thank you for your many blessings, and beg you to grant our petitions in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

- O: Approaching the altar with appreciation for our many blessings, we offer our prayers of petition for the world and for ourselves.
- C: Almighty Father, you have the power to forgive us and bring us back into your loving arms. Help us to be imitators of your Son in all that we do. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

O: God, our Father, we humbly place our needs before you.

C: Lord, our God, hear our prayers that we might come to a greater understanding of your gift of love in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

O: God of all good gifts, help us to persevere in faith as we offer our prayers to you.

C: Heavenly Father, we ask you to provide for our needs as we place our trust in you. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14, 2018**

O: As we begin this season of Lent, let us approach God with trust, knowing he will hear our prayers and respond according to his will.

C: Loving God, hear our prayers and bring us ever closer to you as we begin this holy season of Lent. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

O: Let us open our hearts and bring to the Lord the needs of the Church and the world.

C: Almighty God, we offer these petitions for our good and for the good of others. Grant what is consistent with your holy will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Friday, February 16, 2018**

O: Eager to offer a fast acceptable to the Lord, we join together for the needs of our Church and the good of the world.

C: Glorious Lord, hear the prayers of your people. Let our light break forth like the dawn so we may do your will here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

O: With confidence in your love, gracious Lord, we place our petitions before you.

C: Father, with humble gratitude for your justice and mercy, we ask you to hear these petitions in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

O: Loving Father, we trust in your covenant which makes us your sons and daughters. We ask that you hear the prayers we bring to you today.

C: God our Father, hear the prayers we bring you today, and all the intentions we hold in our hearts. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 19, 2018**

O: Remembering that each of us has been called to serve, let us ask the Lord in confidence to hear our petitions for our needs and the needs of those we are asked to serve.

C: We offer these prayers to you with thanksgiving, Father, in the name of Jesus, your son.

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

O: Jesus taught us to trust God with all our needs, and so we present these petitions to our heavenly Father.

C: God our Father, you are always ready to give us what we need. Hear our prayer for ourselves and those most in need. We ask this through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

O: With contrite and humbled hearts, we approach our compassionate God, offering our prayers for ourselves and for the world.

C: Gracious and merciful God, create in us a clean heart and steadfast spirit, that we may repent and turn away from all evil. Hear the prayers we bring you as we begin our Lenten journey. Through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**

O: With hope and trust, we bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

C: Loving God, accept our prayers we offer today. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

O: With confidence and trust, we turn to our Father with prayerful petitions for our needs and those of our brothers and sisters.

C: God, giver of all good gifts, we ask that you hear our prayers, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

O: O God, we come before you in gratitude for all you have given us, and ask for your mercy in granting our petitions according to your will.

C: Loving God and Father, you give us everything we need. We ask you to grant our petitions according to your will, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

O: Standing before our heavenly Father, we humbly petition him to hear our needs.

C: God of Abraham and Father of the Transfigured Christ, help us to carry out your desire for all people to dwell together in harmony and peace. This we ask through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

O: Let us now turn to our loving Father, who is quick to mercy and slow to anger, and offer our petitions.

C: Heavenly 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 your son, Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

O: Having heard God's call to act with justice, let us present our prayers for all those in need of his mercy.

C: Merciful God, in your kindness look with favor on your people. If it be your will, grant these prayers in the name of Jesus, your son.

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

O: Confident that our prayers will be answered, let us turn to God with courage and faith and present our petitions.

C: Almighty and eternal Father, send forth your Spirit into our hearts so we may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel. We ask that you hear our prayers this day, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

O: With confidence in God's love and care for us, let us present our petitions to him.

C: God our Father, hear our petitions and provide for us what is good. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

O: Believing that God responds to the needs and desires of our hearts, let us join together in a community of prayer.

C: Gracious God you are always present and attentive to our needs. Grant these prayers, we ask you through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

O: Like lost children, we humbly turn to our Father and trust in his love. We join now in prayer for the needs of our parish, the Church and the world.

C: Heavenly Father, you delight in mercy and run to embrace your children. Hear our prayers and help us to do your will, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018**

O: Trusting in the power and wisdom of God, we offer our petitions in confidence.

C: God of mercy, please hear our prayers and answer them in your wisdom. We pray through Jesus Christ, your son.

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

- O: We now offer our prayers and petitions to our heavenly Father for our needs and the needs of others throughout the world.
- C: O God, pour out your love on all who are in need and guide them in their trials with your Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus, your son.

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

- O: Trusting in God's faithfulness, we offer him our prayers this day.
- C: In your great mercy, Lord, hear and answer our prayers this day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

- O: Knowing that the Lord's words are Spirit and life, let us offer our prayers of petition.
- C: Heavenly Father, help us to live in your love as we strive to follow your commandments. We offer these prayers to you through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

- O: Let us bring our prayers and petitions to our God, who is gracious and merciful to his people.
- C: Father of Mercy, look with kindness upon these prayers of your faithful. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

- O: As we continue our Lenten journey, let us turn to God, our loving Father, and offer our prayers of petition.
- C: God of goodness and mercy, we ask you to hear our pleas as we strive to grow in your love during this Lenten season. We pray through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

- O: During these days of Lent, as we come to recognize through humility our great need for God, let us ask him to answer our prayers according to his will.
- C: Loving Father, you call us to be mindful of others. We ask you to hear our prayers and help us to help those near us, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**

- O: Father, you love us more than we know. Hear our prayers that we bring before you this day.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son. Through him, we ask that you hear and answer these prayers and those intentions in our hearts.

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

- O: The Lord promises a new world filled with rejoicing and happiness. Trusting in our Father's Word, we pray for the needs of all people.
- C: Ever-powerful God, your Word brings life to those who believe. Hear the prayers of your faithful and help us to do your will, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

- O: As we continue our Lenten journey, we bring our prayers now to our merciful Father.
- C: Almighty God, hear now our prayers and petitions. Transform our hearts and conform our lives to your law of love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

- O: Since our compassionate God looks with mercy upon us, let us humbly offer him our petitions.
- C: God of mercy, God of justice, hear our prayers placed before you with humble gratitude. Grant what we need to carry out your will for us. We ask this through Christ, your son.

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**

- O: God works marvels in the lives of those who believe. With faith, we offer our prayers and concerns to the Lord.
- C: We offer these prayers to you, beloved Father in heaven, through your son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

- O: With confidence in the Lord's mercy and kindness, we offer our petitions for ourselves and for the world.
- C: Compassionate God, we offer these petitions in faith, aware that you know our every need. We ask that you grant these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

- O: Let us turn to God our Father and offer our prayers of petition for the Church and for our world.
- C: Loving God, we thank you for all you have given us. We pray for your guidance to have right judgment in all that we do. Through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**

- O: Trusting in God who has called us as a people of his own, we offer our petitions with confidence.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, our great high priest and source of eternal salvation. Please hear and answer these prayers we offer through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

- O: Following the example of Joseph, who put his trust in the Lord, let us join our voices in prayer as we invoke the presence of the Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers in humble gratitude and hope, through Jesus Christ, your son.

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

- O: Following the example of Jesus, let us pray to our Father with confidence.
- C: We present these petitions in faith to God, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

- O: God gives us the freedom to follow in his ways, and so we approach him with the needs of our world.
- C: Faithful God, you are with us in all our struggles. Fill us with your grace. We ask this and all things through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

- O: Seeking to serve the Lord, who remembers always his covenant, we present in confidence the prayers we hold deep in our hearts.
- C: Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

- O: Trusting in God's care for us, we can present our needs to him and know they will be heard.
- C: Loving Father, we ask you to pour out your grace on us this day and give us the strength to patiently wait on your wisdom. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

- O: Heavenly Father, we come to you with gratitude for all you have given us, and a plea to hear our petitions and answer them according to your will.
- C: O God, your love for us knows no boundaries. As we gather here and present our petitions to you, we ask for your mercy in granting them according to your will, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**

- O: Through his holy cross, we gain the confidence necessary to trust in Christ, who promises to plead for us before the eternal Father.
- C: Eternal Father, in the mystery of your Son's cross and resurrection, you reveal to us your abundant mercy and love. Grant us the humility to rely only on your goodness as we offer these petitions. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



**Monday, March 26, 2018**

- O: Trusting in God's providence, let us bring our own needs and the needs of the world to him.
- C: Lord God, with humble hearts we bring these petitions to you and ask you to find them worthy. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

- O: Seeking to lead lives that give glory, honor and praise to God, we place our petitions before him.
- C: In confidence, we place these petitions before you in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

- O: The Lord God is our help. Let us now offer the following prayers for the good of our Church and the salvation of the world.
- C: Lord God, hear the prayers of your people. In your mercy, grant us what we need to do your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 2018**

- O: Celebrating our gift of the *Real Presence*, let us humbly present our petitions to God.
- C: God of Israel, you fed your people manna as you led them through the desert. We pray you guide us now as we live in the *Real Presence* of your Son. Through Christ, our Lord.

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 2018**

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 31, 2018**

- O: We come together in the trust that our loving Father's care for us is never-ending.
- C: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your unconditional love for us and your faithfulness to your promises throughout history. Help us to trust in your assistance in all our needs. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 2018**

- O: Full of confidence in the risen Christ, we place before the Father our humble needs.
- C: Almighty God, as we gather to celebrate the resurrection of your Son, strengthen our desire to be good and faithful witnesses of the Gospel message of salvation. This we ask through Christ our Lord.