

## **Universal Prayer Openings and Closings**

### **Thursday, October 1, 2020**

O: As we strive to serve God, let us offer our prayers to our Father in heaven.

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

### **Friday, October 2, 2020**

O: Coming to our heavenly Father as a child would approach a loving parent, we bring our concerns and prayers to him.

C: Eternal Father, you created the world and all that is in it. We entrust our needs and concerns to you, who love us into being, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Saturday, October 3, 2020**

O: Longing to see God's face, we turn to God who reveals himself to us in love, with our needs and petitions.

C: Loving God, you come to us in our struggles. We entrust these needs to you, remembering that you can do all things, through Christ our Lord.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

O: Trusting in God's merciful and abundant love, let us bring him our petitions.

C: God of all graces, everything we have comes from you. We entrust to you the concerns of our world, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### **Monday, October 5, 2020**

O: As those called to see everyone as our neighbor worthy of love, let us offer our prayers to the Lord.

C: Lord God, hear the prayers we offer you today and answer them in your kindness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

O: We now come before the Lord with humble hearts, trusting him with our needs.

C: Father, hear the prayers we bring before you today, we ask through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

O: Jesus has taught us to call God our Father. As children of God, we offer these petitions through Jesus, our brother.

C: God our Father, we rely on you for all that sustains us in life. Hear and answer the prayers we offer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thursday, October 8, 2020**

O: With confidence in God's generosity, let us present our petitions to the Lord.

C: God our Father, giver of every good gift, hear and answer in your holy will the prayers we bring before you today. We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Friday, October 9, 2020**

O: Let us join together as the Body of Christ, and offer our prayers to the Father.

C: Heavenly Father, we offer our prayers and our hearts to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

### **Saturday, October 10, 2020**

O: In faith and hope, let us give voice to the prayers we offer to our God.

C: God of life, hear the prayers we offer this day in humility and trust, we ask through Christ our Lord.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020**

O: With trust in God's merciful and abundant love, let us make our requests known to him.

C: Almighty and eternal God, our salvation comes from you alone. As you watch over the lives of your people, hear the prayers we offer this day and answer them according to your will. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

O: Confident in the Lord's love and care for us, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions.

C: Lord God, hear these prayers which we humbly bring before you and answer them in accordance with your holy will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

O: Trusting in the Lord's mercy, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

C: Almighty and ever-living Father, hear our prayers today and answer them in your abundant generosity. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

O: Together with one voice, let us offer God our prayers and petitions.

C: Loving Father, hear our prayers and in your grace answer them according to your will, we ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

O: Filled with love for the Father and confident in his promises, we join together to present our needs to him.

C: Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear our prayers offered to you with love and trust, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

O: Let us offer our prayers to the Lord, knowing he attends to even the smallest of our concerns.

C: Good and gracious God, we know that we should not be afraid. Hear and answer our prayers according to your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**

O: As the Body of Christ, we can be assured that our Father hears our prayers. Inspired by this confidence, we bring him our petitions.

C: Father of love and mercy, we humbly ask you to look favorably upon these our prayers, which we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**

O: We offer our prayers to the One in whose image we are made and whose law is inscribed on our hearts.

C: God of all goodness, hear and answer the prayers of those you claim as your own, we ask through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, October 19, 2020**

O: In calling upon our most merciful Lord, let us offer him our prayers.

C: Ever-loving and gracious Father, we humbly ask that you hear and answer the petitions we place before you today, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

O: Let us bring our needs to the Father, in anticipation of his bountiful providence.

C: Father of all, look kindly upon our prayers and grant all that will bring us peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

O: Trusting in God's merciful and abundant love, we bring our prayers and petitions to him today.

C: Merciful Father, we humbly pray that you grant our prayers and petitions, through your Son, Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

O: Together with one voice, let us bring our prayers and petitions before our compassionate God.

C: God of all power and compassion, hear these prayers that we bring before you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, October 23, 2020**

O: Trusting in God, the Father of us all, we offer our prayers this day.

C: Heavenly Father, please hear and answer our prayers this day according to your holy will, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

- O: We come together as children of God, and turn to him with our needs and the needs of others.  
C: Heavenly Father, you never fail to provide for us. Hear and answer the prayers we bring to you today, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020**

- O: Trusting in God's merciful love, let us bring him our prayers today.  
C: Loving God, hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, October 26, 2020**

- O: Let us, as children of light, present our petitions to the Father.  
C: Loving God, listen to the prayers we place before you today and answer them in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

- O: As we gather together today with confidence in the Father's love, we bring our needs to him.  
C: Father, you gave us the example of true self-gift through the death of your Son. Hear the prayers we bring to you in his name, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

- O: As brothers and sisters in Christ, we offer these petitions to the Father.  
C: Father, we thank you for the gifts of faith and the Church. In our gratitude, we ask you to hear and answer the prayers we bring you today, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, October 29, 2020**

- O: Trusting in our loving and merciful Lord, we present our petitions to him.  
C: God our Father, look with compassion on our petitions, and grant them according to your holy will. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, October 30, 2020**

- O: Let us ask the Father to hear our prayers, offered for ourselves and others throughout the world, confident in his providential love.  
C: Loving Father, hear our prayers and provide for our needs as you see them. We ask all things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**

- O: Confident of God's providence, let us bring him our prayers.  
C: Ever-loving and gracious Father, we humbly pray that you hear and answer the petitions we place before you today, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

- O: In communion with all the saints, we offer our prayers and petitions to our heavenly Father.  
C: Father, with trust in your love and mercy, we bring these prayers before you. We ask that you answer them according to your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Monday, November 2, 2020**

- O: Let us turn to our merciful Father with our prayers and petitions.  
C: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to save us. Hear and answer our prayers this day as we seek your perfect will. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

- O: God invites us to a share in his Kingdom. With this call in mind, let us lift our hearts and prayers to him.  
C: Loving God, you invite all of us to your table. Listen now to our prayers and tend to the needs of those we place before you. We ask through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

- O: As we strive to live our lives pleasing to the Father, let us join together in faith to present our needs to him.
- C: Heavenly Father, we place these needs before you, knowing that you always listen and answer our prayers. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Thursday, November 5, 2020**

- O: With confidence, let us offer our prayers to our Father in heaven.
- C: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, November 6, 2020**

- O: Gathered as one united in faith, let us bring our needs before our loving God.
- C: Almighty Father, we thank you for all your blessings – past, present, and future. We entrust these prayers to you through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, November 7, 2020**

- O: Let us gather together to express our needs to our loving Father.
- C: Eternal Father, we thank you for your love and care for us. Please listen to the prayers we present to you today. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

- O: With confidence and faith, we bring our needs to our loving God.
- C: Father of love and mercy, you are our help. Trusting in your compassion, we ask you to hear our petitions, which we offer through your Son, Jesus.

**Monday, November 9, 2020**

- O: As temples of the Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers to our loving God.
- C: Loving God, we place our needs before you and ask that you answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

- O: As God's beloved people, we turn to him now with our prayers and petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, in your mercy we ask that you hear our prayers today. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

- O: Recognizing the goodness of God who gives us all good things, we confidently bring our prayers to him.
- C: God of power and healing, we bring you these prayers today, knowing that you are generous. Hear our prayers, we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

- O: With trust and hope in the Lord's goodness and mercy, let us bring before him our petitions for the Church and all the world.
- C: Loving and faithful God, hear these prayers we have brought before you with sincere hearts, and answer them in accord with your divine will. In Christ's name we pray.

**Friday, November 13, 2020**

- O: Mindful of our dependence on God, let us humbly place our needs before him.
- C: God of mercy, we come before you seeking your will. We ask that you hear the prayers we offer today, through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, November 14, 2020**

- O: Confident that our heavenly Father will hear our prayers, we present our needs to him.
- C: Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of prayer itself, and for hearing our petitions this day. We ask that you answer them according to your will, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

- O: Grateful for all the gifts we have been given, we ask for the help we need to serve God faithfully as we offer him these prayers.
- C: God of all good gifts, we know you are with us as we answer your call to act boldly in your service. Hear the prayers we offer today, through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, November 16, 2020**

- O: We now turn to God and offer our prayers of petition.
- C: All-knowing and ever-living God, hear the prayers we place before you this day and answer them in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

- O: With trust in our merciful God, we lift up our prayers and petitions to him.
- C: Gracious Lord, we need your mercy and grace for our lives each day. We ask that you hear and answer the prayers we bring before you today, through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

- O: As we gather around the throne of God, we humbly lay our petitions before him.
- C: God, you are worthy of all glory, and honor, and power. Look favorably on us who gather in worship today, and answer the prayers we bring before you, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, November 19, 2020**

- O: My brothers and sisters, let us lift our hearts and minds to God as we bring him our petitions.
- C: Almighty Father, we ask you to grant these our prayers, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, November 20, 2020**

- O: Let us approach the throne of the Father and offer him our prayers.
- C: Merciful Father, accept the prayers of our hearts and answer them according to your mercy, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

- O: Trusting in the mercy of our loving God, let us offer him our prayers and petitions.
- C: God of Life, we lift our hearts to you in humility. We ask that you hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

- O: As members of God's kingdom, let us together offer our petitions to our heavenly Father.
- C: Lord God, on this day when we celebrate your almighty kingship, we offer our prayers and ask that you answer them according to your will. Through Christ, our Lord.

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

- O: With confidence, we now bring our needs, however large or small, to our loving God.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you graciously hear these prayers we bring before you in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

- O: Grateful for the abundant blessings God pours out on us each day, let us join together in offering him our prayers.
- C: Almighty and everlasting Father, hear our prayers and grant what we need to be faithful missionaries of your Word. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

- 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 answer them in accordance with your divine will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**

- O: We call upon the Lord and offer him our petitions.
- C: Lord God, we can never thank you enough for your goodness. Please accept our prayers, which we offer through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, November 27, 2020**

- O: With confidence in God's love and compassion, let us offer our prayers to our almighty Father.
- C: God in heaven, hear the prayers of your pilgrim people, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Saturday, November 28, 2020**

- O: With trust and confidence, we turn to our loving Father and ask that he hear our prayers.  
C: Merciful Father we pray that you answer these prayers in your gracious mercy. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

- O: We begin this season of Advent with trust in God's love for us. Let us present him with our needs, and the needs of our world.  
C: God our Father, hear these prayers of your people and grant them in accordance with your holy will. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

**Monday, November 30, 2020**

- O: Seeking to answer the Lord's call in our lives, let us offer him our prayers.  
C: Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the example of Saint Andrew, we ask you to hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

- O: We now bring our needs to our loving Father, with confidence and trust.  
C: Heavenly Father, giver of every perfect gift, we ask that you would hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

- O: With confidence in God who delights to provide for our needs, let us offer our prayers this day.  
C: Lord God, we thank you and praise you for your holy presence. Receive these prayers and grant them according to your holy will, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**

- O: With confidence and trust, we offer our prayers to our Father in heaven.  
C: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, December 4, 2020**

- O: As servants, let us now bring our prayers before the Lord.  
C: God and Father of Light, hear the prayers we offer as we wait in joy and hope for the coming of Emmanuel. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

- O: Trusting in the power and care of our God whose heart is moved with pity for us, we confidently bring our prayers to him.  
C: Loving God, we bring you these prayers filled with the hope we know in Christ Jesus. Hear and answer them, we pray through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020**

- O: Seeking the consolation of our heavenly Father, we present our needs before him and place our trust in his loving response.  
C: God our Father, you gather us in and shepherd us with care. Hear the prayers we offer today through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, December 7, 2020**

- O: Let us bring our prayers and concerns for the world and the Church before God.  
C: Gracious and loving God, we place these prayers before you with trust in your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

- O: We come together as children of God, and turn to him with our needs and the needs of the world.  
C: Father, thank you for your great plan for our salvation. Hear and answer these and all of our prayers as we seek to follow you more closely. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

- O: With one voice, let us offer our prayers to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful.  
C: Loving God, we renew our strength in you and in your Word as we place these needs before you, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

- O: Assured that God is with us, let us join our hearts in prayer as we present our needs to the Father.  
C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your faithful, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, December 11, 2020**

- O: As we seek to walk in God's ways, we bring these prayers and needs before him with confidence in his wisdom and care.
- C: Trusting in your goodness and loving care, we lift these prayers to you, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

- O: Confident in the promises God has made, we turn to him with our prayers.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we bring before you, and grant them according to your will. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

- O: Let us present our petitions to the Lord, our God, who knows the needs of our hearts.
- C: Almighty God, you always remember your promise of mercy and do great things for us. Hear the prayers we bring before you today, through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, December 14, 2020**

- O: Having been nourished by the word of God, let us now bring to him our needs.
- C: Eternal Father, you gave us the example of Saint John of the Cross to show us how to embrace our crosses while trusting you. With this in mind, we ask you to hear our prayers, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

- O: We now turn to our God and present our petitions.
- C: Lord God, hear our petitions this day and answer them in your kindness. We ask through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

- O: Let us present our needs, and those of the world, to our most gracious God.
- C: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers. We ask that you answer them according to your good and gracious will, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

- O: As we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming, we present our petitions to the Father.
- C: Father, we thank you for sending your Son into the world as one like us, so that we could become your adopted sons and daughters. Hear and answer our prayers, we ask, through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, December 18, 2020**

- O: We now offer our prayers and petitions to our heavenly Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, trusting in your great love and mercy, we pray that you hear and answer these prayers, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

- O: Let us approach the throne of our loving Father, and offer our petitions to him.
- C: God in heaven, we ask that you hear our prayers that we make through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**

- O: With reliance on our good and gracious God, we bring our prayers to him.
- C: Loving God, hear our prayers as we strive to know your will and follow the plan you have carved out for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, December 21, 2020**

- O: As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, let us offer our prayers to God this day.
- C: We thank you, Father, for hearing our prayers this day. Please bless us and answer them in your infinite wisdom, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

- O: We come with confidence before God, knowing he will do great things for us.
- C: Heavenly Father, as we await the birth of your Son, please hear and answer our prayers, we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

- O: We lift our hearts to the Lord and bring him our petitions.
- C: God of all creation, thank you for every goodness you have given us. Hear now our prayers, and answer them according to your holy will, we ask through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, December 24, 2020**

- O: With hearts full of joyful hope in God's steadfast love, let us present our petitions to him.  
C: God our Father, your unbroken fidelity to your promises gives us confidence to make these prayers. We ask that you answer them according to your will, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS – VIGIL**

- O: Reminded of God's steadfast love and fidelity revealed through this newborn Child, we bring our prayers before the Lord.  
C: Almighty and eternal God, in Christ Jesus you fulfill your promises to Israel and make real your desire to be with the sons and daughters of humanity. Hear the prayers we offer today, through Christ our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS – NIGHT**

- O: Tonight, we celebrate God's great love for us, and in gratitude we bring him these prayers for ourselves and for the world.  
C: Heavenly Father, you showed your love for us by sending your Son. We trust in that love as we present to you these needs of your people, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**CHRISTMAS – DAY**

- O: With joy and hope, let us bring our prayers and petitions to our God, who is King.  
C: Father of Love and Mercy, in your goodness you sent us your Son, whose birth we celebrate today. We ask that you hear and answer these prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, December 26, 2020**

- O: Our Father is one of grace and mercy. Let us bring to him the prayers of this community and the world.  
C: God of mercy and compassion, we ask you to hear and answer these prayers today, through Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

- O: Together, let us offer our petitions to the Father, knowing that he loves us and is always there to guide us.  
C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant us every good thing according to your will. We ask through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Monday, December 28, 2020**

- O: The Lord has promised to hear the prayers of the faithful. Let us lift our hearts and intentions to him.  
C: God of light, hear our prayers on behalf of the whole world in need of your love and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

- O: Trusting in the Lord's goodness, let us turn to him with our prayers and petitions.  
C: Loving and eternal God, the light of all nations, hear these prayers which we bring before you with trusting hearts, and answer them in accordance with your divine will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020**

- O: God, in his infinite love for us, sends his Son to deliver us. We bring before him our needs and the needs of the world.  
C: Loving Father, you sent your only Son to bring us redemption. Through the mystery of this Incarnation we grow closer to you, and ask that you hear the prayers we offer. Through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**

- O: Having been made children of God in Christ Jesus, let us turn to our loving Father with our needs.  
C: Loving Father, the birth of your Son fills the world with hope, and in that hope we entrust our prayers to you, through Christ our Lord.