

## **Universal Prayer Openings and Closings**

### **Friday, January 1, 2021**

- O: With the faith and trust modeled by Mary the Mother of God, let us offer our prayers to God this day.
- C: Heavenly Father, in your wisdom, please hear and answer our prayers this day. We ask through Jesus Christ, your Son.

### **Saturday, January 2, 2021**

- O: Let us approach the throne of the Father and offer him our needs.
- C: Father of mercy and love, we thank you for your goodness. Hear our needs that we bring before you today in the name of Jesus, your Son.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021**

- O: Let us approach our merciful Father and humbly offer him our prayers.
- C: Father, you have lovingly bestowed on us your gifts of peace, hope, and joy. We ask that you hear the prayers we present today through your Son, Christ our Lord.

### **Monday, January 4, 2021**

- O: As one voice, we confidently bring our needs to the Father, who gave us his light in Christ.
- C: Father, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to us as our light and our salvation. Hear our prayers we offer today in his holy name.

### **Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

- O: Together, we bring before our heavenly Father our needs and concerns.
- C: Heavenly Father, we love you and thank you for your compassion toward us. Hear and answer the prayers we bring before you, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

### **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

- O: As we continue the Christmas season, we turn our hearts to the Lord and present our needs to him.
- C: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear our prayers and trust that you will give us what we need. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

### **Thursday, January 7, 2021**

- O: Trusting in the Lord's goodness, let us go to him with our prayers.
- C: Loving Father, in the Incarnation you gave us more than we could ever hope for. Grant these prayers according to your holy will, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Friday, January 8, 2021**

- O: Let us bring our prayers and petitions before our loving God, trusting in his compassion and mercy.
- C: Merciful and compassionate God, listen, we pray, to the prayers we bring before you, and answer them in accordance with your divine will. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Saturday, January 9, 2021**

- O: Knowing that all we receive is given from heaven, let us present our needs with confidence to God.
- C: Almighty Father, you hear our prayers and know our needs. Please grant whatever we ask according to your will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021**

- O: Trusting in God who sent his own Son for our salvation, let us offer our prayers this day.  
C: Loving God, please hear and answer our prayers this day according to your holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

- O: As Jesus invites us to follow him, we turn our hearts and minds to the Father and present our petitions before him.  
C: Loving God, thank you for listening to our prayers, as you do each day. Hear and answer them according to your holy will, we ask through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

- O: We now bring our petitions to the Father, who hears our every need.  
C: Almighty God, as you once heard the prayers of your Son, Jesus Christ, hear now our prayers and petitions. Through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

- O: Mindful of our needs this day, let us offer our prayers to our heavenly Father.  
C: Almighty Father, you sent your Son to walk with us and redeem us. Hear our prayers today, and every day. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

- O: As the leper in today's Gospel reading trusted in Jesus to heal him, let us also confidently present our petitions to the Lord.  
C: God our Father, in your steadfast love, receive and grant our petitions according to your will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

- O: Confident in the Lord's mercy, let us present to him our needs and petitions.  
C: Eternal Father, we ask that you hear the prayers of your people. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

- O: Let us bring our intentions to God, asking him to have mercy on our needs and the needs of the world.  
C: Merciful Father, we lift our prayers to you with humble hearts. We ask that you hear and answer them according to your will. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**

- O: Let us present our petitions to our loving God.  
C: Lord God, hear the prayers of your people who have been called to follow your Son. Answer them in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, January 18, 2021**

- O: As the Father sent his Son to heal and redeem us, we now ask him to hear and answer these prayers that we may be comforted in any affliction.  
C: Gracious Lord, we give you thanks and praise for listening to the prayers of your people. We offer them in confidence, assured of your tender care for us, through Christ, our Lord.

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

- O: Mindful of our dependence on God, let us humbly place our petitions before him.  
C: Loving God, giver of every perfect gift, we ask you to hear our prayers and answer them according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

- O: Uniting our hearts and minds together as one, let us place our prayers before God.
- C: Almighty Father, hear our needs today, and help us through your most gracious mercy. We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

- O: Let us present our petitions to our gracious God, who knows the needs of our hearts.
- C: God our Father, you show your compassion to all who are in need. Hear now the prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

**Friday, January 22, 2021**

- O: As we pray for the legal protection of the unborn in our nation, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.
- C: Heavenly Father, you created us in your image and likeness, and even more wonderfully redeemed us through your Son. Hear the prayers we now offer and answer them according to your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

- O: As faithful believers in Christ, the high priest who brings about our salvation, we present our petitions to the Father who sent him.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers that we offer. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021**

- O: With the same trust the first Apostles had to follow Jesus, let us turn to God and bring him our needs.
- C: Father of mercy and love, we turn to you with trust in your infinite goodness. We ask that you hear the prayers we bring you in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

- O: As a community of faith, let us join together in prayer as we present our petitions to God.
- C: Gracious God, we place our petitions before you and trust that you will provide all we need. We offer these prayers in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

- 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: Father, hear the prayers we offer today. We ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

- O: We offer our petitions to our gracious and forgiving Lord.
- C: Merciful God, we come to you in our need and surrender ourselves to your grace. Hear the prayers we offer today through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

- O: Let us turn to our generous God and bring him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Good and gracious God, receive our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, January 29, 2021**

- O: Let us present to our loving God the needs of our community, and those of the world.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we bring to you in humility, and answer them in your gracious mercy. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

O: With hope and faith in God's promises, let us bring our needs to him.

C: Heavenly Father, we believe in your loving care for us and we ask you to hear the prayers we offer. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021**

O: We bring our intentions to the Father this day, amazed at the work he does in our lives.

C: Father in heaven, thank you for every good gift. Hear our prayers as we gather in faith today, confident in your love for us. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

O: Letting our hearts take comfort and hope in the Lord, we entrust to his goodness and mercy all of our needs.

C: Loving and merciful God, we thank you for your goodness and ask that you hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

O: As God's children, let us bring our prayers to him this day, with great confidence in his love for us.

C: Father, we thank you for sending your Son, who took on our nature to conquer sin and death. We ask that you hear the prayers we offer in his name today.

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

O: Together we lift up our hearts in prayer to God, who blesses us with abundance and who is present to us in all our needs.

C: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and in your great mercy grant them according to your holy will. We pray this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

O: As we approach our heavenly Father, we do so in confidence that he will hear our prayers.

C: Loving God, we approach you with confidence, knowing that you hear our prayers and always desire what is best for us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

O: With trust in God's loving will, let us make our requests known to him.

C: Loving and gracious God, hear our prayers and pour out your grace upon us, we ask through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

O: Today, we gather together as one voice and offer our prayers to our loving God.

C: Heavenly Father, hear and answer these prayers we have brought before you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

O: We present our needs and petitions to our almighty God, who sustains the lowly and heals the broken-hearted.

C: Good and gracious God, in your goodness hear and answer the prayers of those who cry out to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

O: Let us bring our prayers to our loving Father, the creator of the universe.

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

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

- O: Together as one voice, let us lift our prayers to our loving and merciful God.
- C: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers this day and ask for your gracious mercy in granting them. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

- O: Trusting in our God who created us, we bring our prayers before him.
- C: God of all Creation, we thank you for the gift of life and everything that sustains us. Hear and answer our prayers this day according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

- O: Confident in God's great love for us, we place our needs before him.
- C: Almighty and eternal Father, you created us and provided for our every need. Hear our prayers today as we humbly ask for your help. We ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Friday, February 12, 2021**

- O: Trusting in God's providence, we present him our petitions.
- C: Faithful and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer you today, through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**

- O: Aware of the Lord's goodness, let us offer him our prayers with trust and humility.
- C: Almighty God, accept the prayers we have brought to you today. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021**

- O: Together as one voice, we turn to our merciful, ever-present God with our prayers and petitions.
- C: Loving God, trusting in your saving power, we offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 15, 2021**

- O: With trust in our gracious God, we humbly offer our prayers and petitions.
- C: Gracious God, thank you for hearing our prayers. We offer them to you with thanksgiving and praise, through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

- O: With trust in our merciful God, let us bring him our prayers today.
- C: Heavenly Father, we humbly ask you to look kindly on the prayers we bring before you today, in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

- O: Trusting in the Lord's mercy, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions for ourselves and for the world.
- C: Hear these prayers we bring before you, O Lord, and answer them in accordance with your merciful and divine will. We ask through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

- O: Gathered as one people, let us ask God to hear the prayers we bring before him.
- C: God of Life, hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, February 19, 2021**

- O: As we begin our Lenten journey, we turn our hearts and minds to our heavenly Father and present our petitions to him.
- C: Father of love and mercy, we ask you to graciously hear the prayers we offer today. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

- O: As members of the Body of Christ, we humbly bring our prayers and petitions to God.
- C: Merciful Father, through the death of your Son you have restored humanity to your love. Hear the prayers we now offer through him, he who is Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

- O: Approaching the throne of our heavenly Father, let us offer our prayers for the Church and the world.
- C: Hear our prayers, God our Father, as we turn to you, the source of all goodness. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Monday, February 22, 2021**

- O: Trusting in his care and concern for us, let us bring our petitions to God.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of the Church you have promised to watch over and preserve until the end of time. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

- O: With humble hearts, we bring our prayers before the Lord.
- C: Good and gracious God, accept these prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We ask through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

- O: Confident in God's merciful love, we bring our needs to him this day.
- C: Merciful and loving God, we thank you for the sign of Jonah and the salvation won by your Son. Hear these prayers we offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

- O: Trusting in God's mercy and compassion, we offer our prayers and petitions.
- C: Loving God, hear the prayers we have brought before you, in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Friday, February 26, 2021**

- O: With confidence in our merciful Father, we bring him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, February 27, 2021**

- O: Trusting in God's promise to be near to those who follow his commandments, we confidently bring him our prayers.
- C: Eternal Father, we thank you for your goodness. We ask you to kindly hear the prayers brought before you today in the name of your Son Jesus, our Lord.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

- O: Gathered as one voice, let us present our petitions to our merciful Father.
- C: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we place before you this day. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

- O: Let us turn to our merciful God and entrust these prayers to him.
- C: Loving God, in your mercy, accept our humble prayers and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

- O: Having heard the word of God, we now turn to the Father and humbly ask him to hear our petitions.
- C: Father, we are your humble servants. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

- O: Mindful of our dependence on God, let us bring our prayers together before him with one voice.
- C: Heavenly Father, from age to age we have called on you for help. Listen to the prayers we bring to you today, we ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

- O: With confidence in the Lord's generosity, let us bring to him our petitions.
- C: Almighty Father, giver of every perfect gift, grant these our prayers, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, March 5, 2021**

- O: Filled with hope and confidence in our merciful God, we present our needs to him.
- C: Gracious God, we ask that you hear the prayers we offer today and respond in your goodness. Through Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, March 6, 2021**

- O: Let us turn to our loving Father to offer our prayers and petitions.
- C: Heavenly Father, we implore you to hear these prayers, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021**

- O: We now bring our needs and the needs of the world before our merciful Father.
- C: Merciful Father, you love the world so much that you gave us your only Son. With confident hope in your love for us, we ask you to hear these prayers through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Monday, March 8, 2021**

- O: With humility and confidence in the Lord's care for us, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions for ourselves and the world.
- C: Loving and merciful God, hear the prayers we bring before you with sincere and trusting hearts, and answer them in accordance with your holy will. In Christ's name we pray.

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

- O: With contrite hearts and humble spirits, we present our prayers to our merciful Lord.
- C: God of our ancestors, in your kindness hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

- O: Trusting in the mercy of our loving God, let us bring to him our petitions.
- C: Lord God, source of all wisdom, hear the prayers we bring before you for the salvation of the world. We ask through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

- O: Let us draw near to our God of love and mercy, bringing our prayers to him with confidence.
- C: O God, source of all that is good, listen to our prayers and grant them according to your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, March 12, 2021**

- O: For ourselves and our brothers and sisters in need, let us offer our prayers to the Father who loves us.
- C: Heavenly Father, we place our prayers before you with love and trust in your mercy, in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

O: With contrite hearts, let us turn to the Lord who hears our prayers.

C: O God, be merciful to us sinners in your response to our prayers, we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021**

O: As we commit ourselves to continual conversion to Jesus, the light of the world, 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.

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

O: As we continue our Lenten journey, let us seek the Lord's mercy by laying before him our needs and concerns.

C: God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

O: Let us approach our merciful God with our prayers for our world.

C: God of all compassion, we come to you with complete trust. Please hear our prayers, we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

O: We open our hearts to the Lord this day, bringing our needs before his loving mercy.

C: Gracious and loving Father, in your goodness hear and answer the prayers we bring before you this day. Through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

O: Let us lift our hands and hearts to God as we bring our petitions to him.

C: God our Father, you are all-powerful and all-loving. Look favorably upon our needs, we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

O: With trust in our merciful God, we offer him our prayers and intentions.

C: God our Father, we bring you these prayers today, confident in your plans to bring good to us and our world. Hear and answer us, we ask through Jesus Christ your Son.

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

O: Like Jeremiah, we entrust our cause to the Lord, confident that he hears our concerns.

C: O God, Just Judge, searcher of our hearts and souls, grant us what we truly need, according to your divine wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021**

O: We offer our prayers to our God, who calls us to be his people.

C: God of heaven and earth, in your loving kindness hear and answer our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Monday, March 22, 2021**

O: We turn now to the God of justice and mercy to offer our prayers and petitions.

C: Gracious God, we put these prayers before you and ask you to answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

O: Trusting that we belong to our all-loving Father, let us bring our prayers before him.

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

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

- O: Trusting in the Lord who saves, let us offer our prayers of petition.
- C: God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, hear our prayers, for we bring them to you confident in your care for us, through Christ our Lord.

**Thursday, March 25, 2021**

- O: Nothing is impossible for God, and we know he hears us when we call. We now bring our petitions to him.
- C: Lord God, thank you for receiving our prayers. Please answer them according to your holy will, we ask through Christ our Lord.

**Friday, March 26, 2021**

- O: With the same trust Jeremiah had in God's providence, let us bring him our prayers and petitions.
- C: Father of mercy and love, we praise you along with your servant Jeremiah. We humbly ask you to hear the prayers and petitions we bring before you today, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**

- O: Let us offer our prayers to the Father, who restores all things in Christ Jesus.
- C: Praise to you, God and Father, for everything you have done for us. Hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021**

- O: Let us come before our merciful God with humble hearts, and offer these petitions.
- C: Father, we humbly ask you to hear the prayers we offer you this day, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

- O: As we seek to be faithful stewards of God's gifts, 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.

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

- O: Confident in our faithful God, we bring our prayers and needs before him today.
- C: God of hope and promise, hear our prayers as we offer them to you today, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

- O: Confident in his never-ending love for us, we bring our needs and petitions to God.
- C: Almighty God, we humbly ask you to hear and answer the prayers we offer, through Christ our Lord.