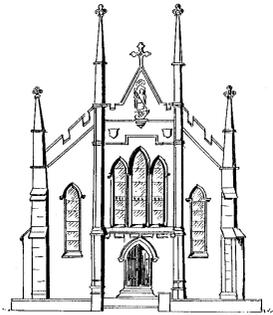


DAILY PRAYERS SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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Second Sunday of Christmas (Year B)

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world with Your glory,
and show Yourself to all peoples by the radiance of Your light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 1:1-18

Today's prayer:

Shepherd of Israel,
You sent a star to enlighten the wise
and a child to topple the tyrant.
Make us wise enough to seek You
among the least of Your children,
wise enough to trade our treasure
for the gift of overwhelming joy. Amen.

Monday

Collect:

Grant Your people, O Lord, we pray,
unshakable strength of faith,
so that all who profess that Your Only-Begotten Son
is with You for ever in Your glory
and was born of the Virgin Mary
in a body truly like our own
may be freed from present trials
and given a place in abiding gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 1:35-42

Today's prayer:

God of light, shining in darkness,
through a little child, born in Bethlehem,
You open to us the treasure of Your grace.
Help us to search diligently for Him,
so that we may offer our lives to You
with thanksgiving, joy, and praise;
through Jesus Christ, the rising star. Amen.

Tuesday

Collect:

O God, who in the blessed child-bearing of the holy Virgin Mary
kept the flesh of Your Son
free from the sentence incurred by the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we, who have been taken up into this new creation,
may be freed from the ancient taint of sin.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 1:43-51

Today's prayer:

O Holy Magi,
you were living in continual expectation
of the rising of the Star of Jacob,
which would announce the birth of the true Son of justice;
obtain for me an increase of faith and charity,
and the grace to live in continual hope of beholding, one day,
the light of heavenly glory and eternal joy.

St Caspar, Pray for us

St Melchior, Pray for us

St Balthazar, Pray for us

All pilgrim saints, Pray for us

Wednesday – The Epiphany of the Lord

Collect:

O God, who on this day
revealed Your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in Your mercy, that we, who know You already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of Your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Today's prayer: Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Leader: Peace be to this house. *All:* And to all who live here.

Leader: Bless, O Lord, this household and family,
and allow all of us who live in this home
to find in it a shelter of peace and health.
Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents
and to contribute wisdom and good works
for the benefit of the whole family.
Make our house a haven for us all, and a place of warmth and caring
for all our friends who come to visit us.
Enlighten us with the brilliance of Your Epiphany star,
so that, as we go into the world, we might clearly see our way to You
and discover You in our work and play.
This we ask to Your glory and in the power of Your kingship.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

Then, bless the house with the sign of the cross.

*After the blessing, the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar)
are written with chalk over the main doorway of the house, like this:*

20 + C + M + B + 21

Happy Epiphany!

Thursday

St Raymond Penyafort

Collect:

O God, who through Your Son
raised up Your eternal light for all nations,
grant that Your people may come to acknowledge
the full splendour of their Redeemer,
that, bathed ever more in His radiance,
they may reach everlasting glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Today's prayer:

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our routines
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.

Friday

Collect:

Grant, we ask, almighty God,
that the Nativity of the Saviour of the world,
made known by the guidance of a star,
may be revealed ever more fully to our minds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 6:34-44

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus,
as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star,
please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith.
Help us to desire You as ardently as they did.
Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles
that keep us far from You.
May we, like them, have something to give You
when we appear before You. Amen

Saturday

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who through Your Only Begotten Son
have made us a new creation for Yourself,
grant, we pray,
that by Your grace we may be found in the likeness of Him,
in whom our nature is united to You.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 6:45-52

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus
may Your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the Magi:
that we too may be led into Your presence
and worship You,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of all peoples;
to whom be glory for ever. Amen.