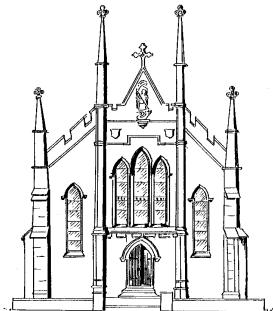


# DAILY PRAYERS

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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# Sunday - Advent Week 2 (Year A)

## Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet Your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to His company.  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 3:1-12

## Today's prayer:

Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God,  
that You died on the Cross to restore me to the Father.  
I choose now to turn from my sins,  
my self-centeredness,  
and every part of my life that does not please You.  
I choose You.  
I give myself to You.  
I receive Your forgiveness  
and ask You to take Your rightful place in my life  
as my Savior and Lord.  
Come reign in my heart, fill me with Your love and Your life,  
and help me to become a person who is truly loving—a person like You.  
Lord Jesus, live in me.  
Love through me.  
Make me new. Amen.

# Monday – Advent Week 2

## Collect:

May our prayer of petition  
rise before You, we pray, O Lord,  
that, with purity unblemished,  
we, Your servants, may come, as we desire,  
to celebrate the great mystery  
of the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Luke 5:17-26

## Today's prayer:

Gracious and loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
We praise You  
for how wide,  
how high,  
and how deep is Your vast love for all people.  
Incarnate in Jesus,  
You offered Your life for the healing of the world  
through the forgiveness of all our sins.  
Your arms outstretched on the Cross  
embrace us all  
as Your love transcends  
our divisions and differences.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!

# Tuesday – Advent Week 2

St Juan Diego Cuauhtatoatzin, Confessor

*Patron saint of indigenous peoples of the Americas*

## Collect:

May our prayer of petition  
rise before you, we pray, O Lord,  
that, with purity unblemished,  
we, your servants, may come, as we desire,  
to celebrate the great mystery  
of the Incarnation of your Only Begotten 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 18:12-14

## Today's prayer: Prayer to St. Juan Diego

Blessed St Juan Diego, You who were chosen by Our Lady of Guadalupe  
as an instrument to show your people and the world  
that the way of Christianity is one of love, compassion,  
understanding, values, sacrifices, repentance of our sins,  
appreciation and respect for God's creation,  
and most of all one of humility and obedience.  
You who we know is now in the Kingdom of the Lord  
and close to our Mother, be our angel and protect us,  
stay with us as we struggle in this modern life  
not knowing most of the time where to set our priorities.  
Help us to pray to our God to obtain the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
and use them for the good of humanity and the good of the Church,  
through the Heart of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Heart of Jesus.Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us

Saint Juan Diego, Pray for us

*St Juan Diego Cuauhtatoatzin (1474–1548), the humble Indigenous visionary of Guadalupe, shows how God chooses the lowly to reveal His tenderness. In receiving Our Lady's message of compassion in 1531, he became a bridge of faith and hope. His simplicity, obedience, and courage still lead millions to Christ through Mary's loving presence.*

# Wednesday – Advent Week 2

## Our Lady of Loretto

### Collect:

Almighty God, who command us to prepare the way for Christ the Lord, grant in your kindness, we pray, that no infirmity may weary us as we long for the comforting presence of our heavenly physician. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 11:28-30

**Today's prayer:** Prayer to Our Lady of Loreto

O God, whose ever-watchful Providence rules all things, we humbly implore You through the prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Your Son, to remove from us whatever is harmful and to bestow on us only that which will be helpful. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Loreto, Pray for us

*Pope Francis decreed that the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto be observed as an optional memorial on December 10th. He said that the Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto, venerated by generations of pilgrims and honoured by numerous Popes, "recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider 'the fullness of time', when God sent His Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call." This shrine invites us still to step quietly into the humility of Nazareth, where God chose to dwell with His people, and to let Mary teach us how to welcome Christ with trust, simplicity, and joy.*

# Thursday – Advent Week 2

St Damasus I, Pope

## Collect:

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for Your Son, grant, we pray, that as You preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of Your Son, which You foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to Your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 11:11-15

## Today's prayer:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may constantly exalt the merits of your Martyrs, whom Pope Saint Damasus so venerated and loved. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Damasus, pray for us

*St Damasus I, Pope (c. 305–384), strengthened the Church in turbulent times with clarity, courage, and devotion to Scripture. He commissioned*

*St Jerome to produce the Vulgate, promoted the veneration of martyrs, and defended true doctrine. His steady leadership helped shape a unified Catholic faith rooted firmly in Christ and the apostolic tradition.*

# Friday – Advent Week 2

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Collect:

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God,  
may be ever watchful  
for the coming of your Only Begotten Son,  
that, as the author of our salvation himself has taught us,  
we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps,  
to meet him when he comes.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 11:16-19

### Today's prayer:

O God, Father of mercies,  
who placed your people under the singular protection  
of your Son's most holy Mother,  
grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,  
may seek with ever more lively faith  
the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared to St Juan Diego in 1531, reveals God's nearness through her tender, motherly presence. Clothed in heavenly light yet speaking with humble warmth, she offers comfort to the suffering and calls all peoples to unity, hope, and conversion. Her image still draws millions to Christ's saving love.*

# Saturday – St Lucy

Martyr

## Collect:

May the glorious intercession  
of the Virgin and Martyr Saint Lucy  
give us new heart, we pray, O Lord,  
so that we may celebrate her heavenly birthday  
in this present age  
and so behold things eternal.

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 25:1-13

## Today's prayer:

Whose beautiful name signifies 'Light'  
by the light of faith which God bestowed upon you  
increase and preserve His light in my soul  
so that I may avoid evil,

Be zealous in the performance of good works  
and abhor nothing so much as the blindness and  
the darkness of evil and sin.

Obtain for me, by your intercession with God  
Perfect vision for my bodily eyes  
and the grace to use them for God's greater honour and glory  
and the salvation of souls.

St. Lucy, pray for us

*St Lucy (c. 283–304), the young Sicilian martyr, shines as a radiant witness to Christ's light. Refusing to abandon her faith or compromise her purity, she offered her life with unshaken courage during the Diocletian persecution. Her name—Lux, "light"—became a symbol of hope in winter darkness. Lucy reminds us that true sight begins in the heart, where Christ illuminates every shadow. Her steadfast love for the poor and her fearless fidelity still inspires believers to walk bravely in the Light of the Lord.*