

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Encouraged by the Mother of God, we pray:

Send us the Just One.

For the people of many cultures, languages and ways of life gathered in the Church, we pray:

For indigenous peoples and their descendants throughout the world, we pray:

For those oppressed by racism and prejudice in all its forms, we pray:

For those who long for healing and hope in uncertain times, we pray:

For those who labor for racial justice and unity in their communities, we pray:

For *(add intention)* _____, we pray:

For those who in death await the fulfillment of God's promise in Christ, we pray:

God of all peoples,
you sent the mother of your Son
with a message of love and hope
to a people conquered and oppressed.
May her appearance always remind us
that you cast down the proud,
granting justice to the oppressed.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
Son of Mary and your Son,
who lives and reigns now and forever.

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Zechariah 2:14–17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab;
Judith 13:18bcde, 19 (*psalm response*); Luke 1:26–38 or Luke 1:39–47

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

The Days of Christmas

Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

With trust in the One who takes away the sins of the world,
we pray: *Abide with us.*

For all who have been baptized by water and Spirit: May
they shine with God's light and love, we pray:

For preachers and proclaimers of the Word: May they testify
to the One who brings fullness of life, we pray:

For those who are last and least in the world: May Christ
raise them up as signs of the kingdom to come, we pray:

For those burdened by sin or overwhelmed by guilt: May
they find hope and healing in the Lamb of God, we pray:

For the sick and the dying: May the Spirit of hope and
healing come to rest upon them, we pray:

For (*add intention*) _____, we pray:

For all those who have gone before us in faith: May they
behold at last the One through whom all things were
made, we pray:

God of fire and Spirit,
in Christ you reveal to all people
your desire for our salvation.
Fill us with the Spirit that rested upon Jesus,
that we may testify to the good news
of your Word-made-flesh among us,
for Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Attentive to the son of Mary, we pray: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For preachers who pass on Christ's wisdom, we pray:

For prophets who speak bold words among their own people, we pray:

For children who astound their elders with insight, we pray:

For the stubborn who close their ears to words of challenge, we pray:

For those who seek healing from their Teacher, we pray:

For *(add intention)* _____, we pray:

For all who wait in death for the salvation offered by a carpenter, we pray:

God of surprises,
in a simple carpenter
your Word is made flesh,
and we are astounded by his teaching.
Open our ears to Christ's wisdom
speaking in our sisters and brothers,
that our stubborn hearts may welcome your teaching
and rejoice in your salvation.

This we ask in Jesus' name.

Longing to be counted among the righteous, we pray:

Have mercy, God, in your kindness.

That the Church may excel in care for the least members of
God's family, we pray:

That world leaders may guide their nations in the care of
their most vulnerable citizens, we pray:

That the hungry may receive the sustenance that is
rightfully theirs, we pray:

That those justly imprisoned may know compassion and
mercy, and those unjustly held set free, we pray:

That those made naked to the elements be wrapped in
coverings of kindness and warmth, we pray:

That the sick may receive care without regard to their
ability to pay, we pray:

That we may serve Christ in everyone we meet, we pray:

That (*add intention*) _____, we pray:

That our beloved dead may join the righteous in eternal
life, we pray:

Hear us, Ruler of the universe,
and kindle in us the bright fire of your mercy.
May this Lent renew us
as people of compassion and service,
that we may see in every person
holy images of the king of glory,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary

Attentive to God's challenging word, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ministers who fail to serve the church faithfully,
we pray:

For couples no longer able to live together in unity,
we pray:

For families separated by law or border, we pray:

For spouses and children abandoned selfishly, we pray:

For persons rejected because of their past, we pray:

For sick people judged or shamed because of their
condition, we pray:

For (*add intention*) _____,
we pray:

For the dead lost to condemnation, execution, and
harsh judgment, we pray:

God ever-faithful,
though we divide ourselves from one another,
nothing can separate us from you.
Restore the bonds that unite us,
and give us courage to be faithful,
that love may flourish anew,
guided in your care.

We ask this through Christ our teacher.

Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Attentive to Wisdom's teaching, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and hungry, blessed of God: May they receive today what is justly theirs, we pray:

For the rich and powerful, warned by Christ: May they heed the call to righteousness, we pray:

For the sick and weeping, blessed of God: May healing laughter soothe the pain of grief and illness, we pray:

For the frivolous and thoughtless, warned by Christ: May compassion enliven minds and hearts, we pray:

For the excluded and insulted, blessed of God: May they leap for joy in God's favor, we pray:

For the privileged and honored, warned by Christ: May they discover humility in truth, we pray:

For (*add intention*) _____, we pray:

For the dead and dying, blessed of God: May they enjoy the inheritance promised by Christ, we pray:

Show us your favor, God of righteousness and justice, and give us a place among those you bless.

May the hungry and poor, the excluded and insulted, show the mighty and proud the way to your household, where all may find mercy in Christ our teacher.

Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland

Optional Memorial of St. Gertrude, Virgin

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Trusting our God of faithfulness, we pray:

Lord, bear our prayer.

That the baptized may be persistent in prayer, we pray:

That the Son of Man may find faith among earth's nations
on the day of salvation, we pray:

That the unjust may relent and rule in equity, we pray:

That the cries of the poor for justice may find willing ears,
we pray:

That the prayers of the sick may be answered in the service
of believers, we pray:

That we may put our trust in the God revealed in Jesus,
we pray:

That (add intention) _____, we pray:

That the faithful departed may find a place among the
chosen ones, we pray:

O God, just and faithful,
you hear the cries of the poor and forgotten
and are quick to grant justice.
Hear us when we call out
and come to our aid without delay.
May we trust in you alone
and so be found faithful
when the Son of Man returns,
for Christ is Lord for ever and ever.