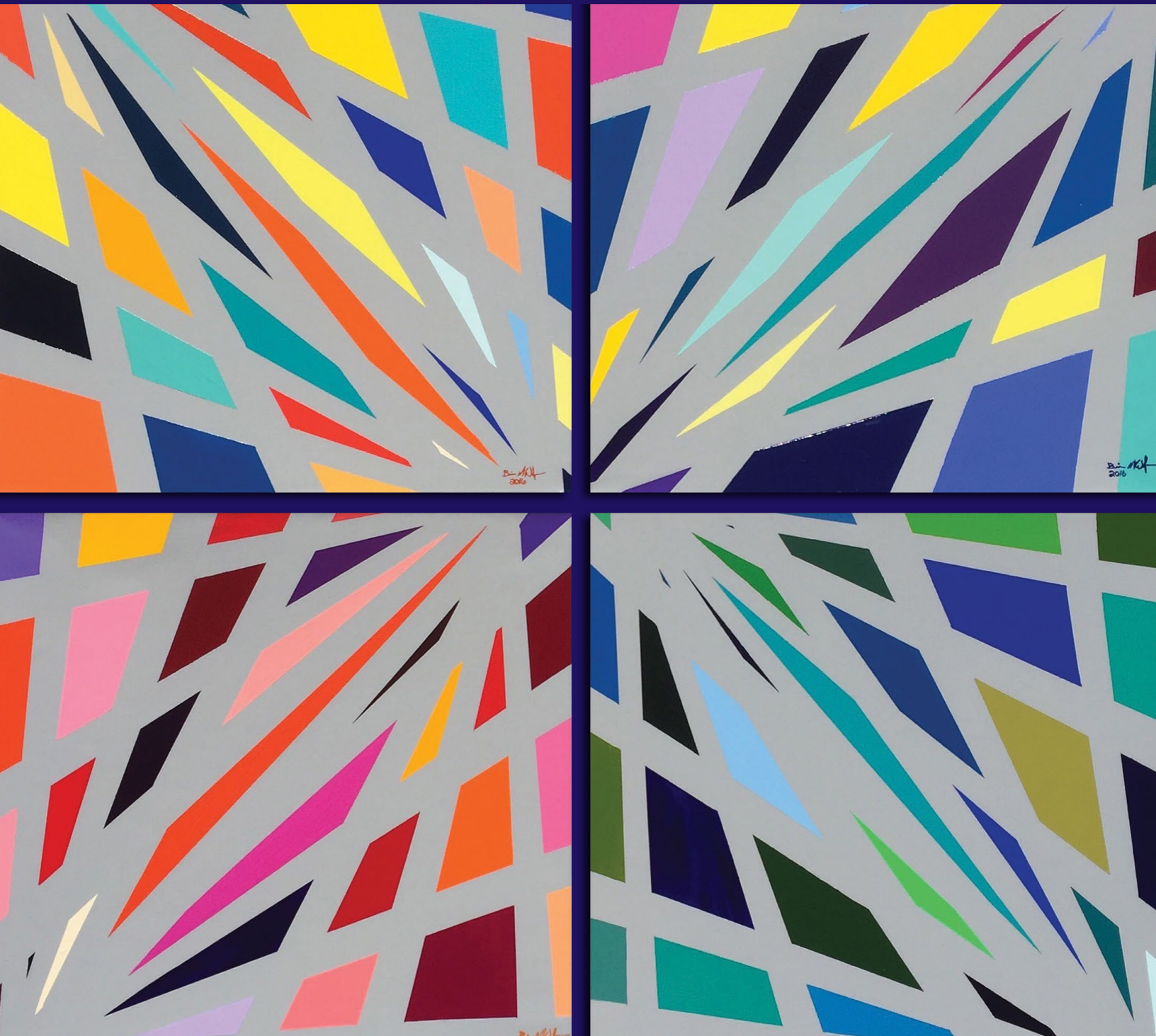


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## INTRODUCTION

In this workbook, brief formulas are provided for the priest celebrant or another minister to use as the introduction to the Mass. In the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), we read, “The presiding Priest...[may] give the faithful an introduction to the Mass of the day (after the initial Greeting and before the Penitential Act)” (31). On Sundays, the rite of blessing and sprinkling of holy water, or the Penitential Act and a litany in praise of God’s mercy usually follows.

For the Prayer of the Faithful, a distinction is needed between the role of the priest celebrant and that of the leader of the intentions. The celebrant invites the assembly to participate in the Prayer of the Faithful and concludes with a prayer. A deacon, cantor, lector, or member of the faithful states the intentions (GIRM 71). The same person should not be both presider and leader. Moreover, we suggest that the leader of the intercessions be someone other than the reader. The Prayer of the Faithful is part of *The Roman Missal*, not of the *Lectionary for Mass*.

Musical assemblies should be invited to sing the response to the Prayer of the Faithful in a simple, inviting way, in keeping with the tradition of the Roman Rite. Several Mass settings include intercessions, and this moment in the liturgy is often an opportunity to honor the multilingual nature of our assemblies by using, for example:

“Escúchanos, Señor/Lord, Hear Our Prayer,” by Fr. Juan Sosa (Spanish, English)

“Exaudi Nos/Hear Us, O Lord,” by Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

(Filipino, Spanish, English, French, Latin)

“Hear Our Prayer,” by Bob Hurd (English)

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,” by Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

(Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, English)

“O God, Hear Us,” by Bob Hurd (English)

“Te Rogamos, Señor/Lord, Hear Our Prayer,” by Mark Purtill (Spanish, English)

If singing helps assembly members take part more fully, it fulfills its purpose. If singing reduces participation of assembly members, the music may be too complicated or otherwise unsuitable for the assembly.

## The Categories of Intentions

Intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful fall into four categories: A) the needs of the universal Church; B) public authorities, and the salvation of the whole world; C) people burdened by any kind of difficulty; and D) the local community of faith, represented by the assembly. At least one intention from each category is to be included. Writers and leaders of the Prayer of the Faithful should become familiar with 69–71 in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Revised* (2010). It is available from OCP (ed. 30108143).

The intentions in these categories should reflect the creative freedom and character of the local church: “The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community” (GIRM 71).

**A** *The needs of the universal Church.* This category includes petitions for the pope, bishops, and pastors of the Church, missions, Christian unity, and vocations to the presbyterate and religious life. Some examples are as follows:

That our Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons  
grow in their love for the body and blood of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For apostles of Christ who bear witness throughout the world,  
and for missionaries in foreign lands,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That preachers in our Church  
preach what they believe and practice what they preach,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For God’s people,  
loved by God as a bride is loved by her husband,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That all the people of all churches  
come together in one Spirit, one Lord, and one baptism,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**B** *Public authorities and the salvation of the whole world.* This category includes petitions for peace, leaders of government, good weather, the safety of crops, elections, and the resolution of economic crises. Some examples are:

That men and women in positions of trust  
seek justice and peace in all they do,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That our country become a place where people of all races  
are truly equal and at home,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For civil servants in every land,  
for firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and road builders,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That people of every nation  
use natural resources more wisely, and treat creation more respectfully,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That nations never again wage war on one another,  
and that people never again terrorize one another,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That the harvest of the season be abundant,  
and the produce of the earth be plentiful,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** *People burdened by any kind of difficulty.* This includes those burdened by poverty or any other tribulation—the persecuted, the unemployed, the sick and infirm, the dying, prisoners, and exiles, among others. Some examples are:

For children at risk,  
and for all God’s little ones,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That all the sick, especially those suffering alone,  
experience the love and support of others,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the poor, the hungry, and the homeless,  
especially those who have lost hope,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That the blind see, the lame walk, and the deaf hear,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For all the unemployed and underemployed,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For those who hunger to be fed,  
and those who are fed, but hunger for justice,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That all whose lives are in danger, especially those unborn,  
receive strength and safety,  
let us pray to the Lord:

- D** *The local community of faith represented by the assembly.* This includes those in the Church preparing for baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, orders, and marriage; it also includes pastors, an approaching church mission, and deceased loved ones. Here are some examples:

That those preparing for baptism  
find Christ's wisdom in this community,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That this church  
be a haven for all in need,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the young people of our community,  
and for all members of this church,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For those who have died from hunger, neglect, or abuse,  
and for our loved ones who have passed from our midst,  
let us pray to the Lord:

Note that the sequence of the categories is always the same: universal Church, world affairs, special needs, local church.

Greater flexibility is appropriate for ritual celebrations like weddings and funerals. General intentions should never be completely omitted, but the emphasis should be on the celebration itself (GIRM 70).



## Structure

The intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful are usually expressed in one of three forms:

- 1 The full form (“For ... that”), which announces those to be prayed for and what is to be prayed for (as on the Epiphany of the Lord: “For the leaders of nations, that they respect religious freedom”)
- 2 A first partial form (“That ...”), which mentions the favor to be requested, referring in only one word to the persons prayed for (as in the final section of the Litany of the Saints: “That all Christians celebrate unity around the table of the Lord”)
- 3 A second partial form (“For ...”), which announces only those being prayed for (as in some litanic forms in both the East and the West: “For the unity of all Christians around the table of the Lord”). See DOL 239:1901.

The full form of the intentions (“For ... that”) usually works better if reduced to one of the partial forms, either “For ...” or “That ...” Partial forms are less susceptible to wordiness, which works against the clarity and flow of the prayer. Partial forms are also less susceptible to a “hidden agenda.” For example, in “For members of all Christian traditions, that they learn to dialogue more honestly with each other,” “learn to dialogue more honestly” implies that they have not done too well so far. The purpose of the petition is not to point out the negative side of behavior but to emphasize a positive approach.

All intentions within one set of Prayer of the Faithful should use the same form. For example, if the first intention begins with “For,” all the intentions that day should begin with “For.” A consistent pattern encourages a fuller, more confident response from the assembly.

See [page 108](#) for common intercessions that can be used at any celebration.

Intentions from the assembly can be collected in a book like *Hear Our Prayer* (OCP edition 11824). If you choose to use any of these petitions during the celebration, they should be reviewed in advance for proper structure and appropriateness.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 2021

### INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Mary was conceived free of sin “by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.” With her, let us rejoice in God’s love and mercy.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you redeemed Mary at conception. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you chose us to be holy before you. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you redeem us by the blood of your Cross. Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### *Priest Celebrant*

Let us ask for Mary’s intercession as we turn to her Son in prayer.

#### *Deacon or Lector*

**A** That the Church, strengthened by Mary’s prayer and example,  
resist evil and foster goodness in the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**B** That elected officials, guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
serve the needs of all people,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** That adopted children and their parents  
will be strengthened by the Father’s spirit of adoption in all of their challenges,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That the love of Mary  
inspire all to work to restore the garden of our planet,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**D** That this community grow in its love and devotion for Mary,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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#### *Priest Celebrant*

God of mercy, who filled Mary with grace at her conception,  
give us a share in that grace and hear our prayers  
through Christ our Lord.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS):** December 24, 2021  
**AT THE VIGIL MASS**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

Today, the Lord comes to dwell among us.  
We sing forever the goodness of the Lord.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you gave voice to the Father's will. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you are the new covenant. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you are the Savior of the world. Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

God knows our needs, and helps us to pray.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** For all who believe in Jesus, the Promised One,  
that they share the good news in humility and patience,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For the leaders of nations in conflict,  
that love for their homeland will lead them to work for peace  
and prosperity for all peoples,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For those living in the land of Christ's birth,  
that their leaders work for justice and lasting peace,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- For those who feel abandoned and unloved on Christmas,  
that we grow to see Christ's face in theirs,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** For this community, and for all members of God's family,  
that the joy of Christmas bear fruit in their hearts,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Father of all goodness, help us to welcome Jesus into our hearts.  
Hear our prayers, and grant what we ask  
through Christ our Lord.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS):** December 25, 2021  
**AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

As the star of Bethlehem shines in the night,  
and God's glory shines in the world,  
we join the angels and saints in praising God.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh. Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

Rejoicing in the coming of our Savior among us,  
let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters everywhere.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** That the light of Christ shine  
throughout the Church and the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** That the leaders of every country, large and small, rich and poor,  
work together for lasting peace,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** That the homeless, especially families,  
find affordable, safe housing,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
That the poor  
be richly blessed with God's gifts,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** That families, friends, neighbors, and all present here,  
share the love of Jesus with one another,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, you brought new hope to life with the birth of your Son.  
You know our deepest hopes.  
Grant what we ask in the name of Christ our Lord.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS):** December 25, 2021  
**AT THE MASS AT DAWN**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

Today we gather as a people of faith at the dawning of he who comes to save us.  
Let us rejoice as we receive him in word and sacrament:  
Christ the light of the world.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, your salvation extends to the ends of the earth. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you are the generous love of the Father. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you are the treasure kept in Mary's heart. Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

The dawn of Christmas Day inspires Christ's faithful  
to confidently make their prayers for the Church and the world.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** For the Church in the Holy Land and all lands of conflict,  
that the example of Christians may help all to seek the way of peace together,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For all that is just and righteous in the world,  
that leaders of nations always promote human values over personal gain,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For those who find an empty place at their Christmas table,  
that they may experience the power of Christ to unite us across any divide,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
For those deprived of justice, and those who work on their behalf,  
that the message of Christmas moves those in authority to seek what is right,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** For this local community, gathered in the name of the new-born king,  
that we may proclaim the glory and praise of God every day of our lives,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Loving God, your grace inspires good works in Christians this holy season.  
May the answer to our prayers today bring goodness all the year long,  
through Christ our Lord.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS):** December 25, 2021  
**AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION**

Today, God's Word is in our midst.  
How wonderful is his coming to dwell among us.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, Promised One, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, anointed Savior, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, God-with-us, Lord, have mercy.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Priest Celebrant*

With joy, we come to our loving Father,  
who hears and answers all our desires.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** For all believers,  
reflecting the light of God's glory,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** For all who do justice,  
working for peace in a violent world,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** For all who are estranged—from family, the Church, or society—  
finding reconciliation and profound healing,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
For the peace beyond understanding,  
bringing new hope to those who sorrow,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** For all who celebrate the Christmas mystery in this place,  
inspiring one another to bear more courageous witness to Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Lord God, we thank you for sending us your Son, our Savior.  
Hear our prayers, and help us all to live as we ought,  
through Christ our Lord.

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25, 2022

### INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

As we celebrate the Word made flesh in Mary's womb,  
God's word takes root in our hearts.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are the sign of the time of reconciliation. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you did the will of the Father. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary. Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### *Priest Celebrant*

On this day, God sent Gabriel to bring Mary the good news of salvation.  
In thanksgiving and joy, let us pray.

#### *Deacon or Lector*

**A** For Christians of every culture, race, and nation,  
that they joyfully bring the Gospel to the whole world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**B** For those in power and authority,  
that they work to protect the most defenseless among us,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** For Christians suffering religious persecution around the world,  
that God's angels visit and strengthen them,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For a conversion of hearts, that all would respect  
the sanctity of life from conception to natural death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**D** For this community of faith,  
that with Mary, we give our "yes" to God,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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#### *Priest Celebrant*

Father, your Son emptied himself for our sake, and became flesh.  
Hear our prayers, and help us do your will, that we may magnify you in all things.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

### INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Encounters with the risen Lord occur  
in the ordinary moments of our journey through life.  
We come together today to encounter the Lord in word and sacrament.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you nourish us with your Body and Blood. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, you comfort us with your love. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you shepherd us along the path of new life. Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### *Priest Celebrant*

Through the mystery of God's presence among us,  
let us confidently make our needs known to the Most High.

#### *Deacon or Lector*

- A For the Church,  
that the will to obey God in all things shine like a light of truth  
to inspire those who suffer persecution for their faith,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B For those who sit upon thrones or live in palaces of power,  
that they look more deeply to see how the needs of the poor might be met,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C For all who are estranged from the Christian family,  
that they find reconciliation and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
For the sick and for their caregivers,  
that they be a source of healing and comfort to one another,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D For all who gather at this table,  
that they recognize the Lord in each person they meet,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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#### *Priest Celebrant*

Kind and merciful God, you feed your flock  
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Hear the prayers we bring, in the name of the same Christ our Lord.



14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2022

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

In the new creation of Christ Jesus,  
the Church is the visible sign of God's reign.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you help the lost find their way home. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, by your Cross you redeemed the world. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you call us to spread peace to every household. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Priest Celebrant*

We come before God empty-handed,  
confident that our concerns will be heard.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A That believers everywhere  
find comfort and nourishment in the Church,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B That those called to leadership in government and the civil service  
find renewed help in the works of justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C That civility, mutual respect, and gentleness prevail  
in government and politics,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- That as we celebrate Independence Day this week,  
we remember our dependence on God and neighbor,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D That all who share in this Eucharistic feast  
nourish one another in faith and love,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

God of peace, you send us into the world  
with the message of your Son.  
Hear and grant the prayers we offer, through Christ our Lord.

## COMMON OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

As Mary gave thanks and praise to God for the privilege of bearing the Christ, so we join with her in this celebration.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, royal ruler and humble servant, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, Son of Mary the Christ-bearer, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, living among us, Lord, have mercy.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### *Priest Celebrant*

Let us join our prayers with those of Mary,  
the first to hear the good news.

#### *Deacon or Lector*

**A** That women and men in lay ministries  
call upon the strength of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**B** That nations and their leaders  
work toward true economic justice and equality,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** That refugees be welcomed, and families reunited,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That young people, like Mary, be open to God's call  
and say yes to serving others in a religious vocation,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**D** That our community trust in Mary's intercession,  
and imitate her virtues,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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#### *Priest Celebrant*

Gracious God, you chose Mary to bear our Savior.  
Through her intercession, hear the prayers of your children,  
and grant them in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Priest Celebrant*

We long for Jesus to reveal more completely  
the mystery of God's merciful love,  
and we await the coming of the Ancient of Days.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A** That every member of the Church  
become a sign of Christ's loving presence in our world,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B** That the peoples of the world  
see the peace of Christ in the behavior of Christians,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C** That the intercession of Mary, our mother,  
help all who are seeking their way back to her Son, Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- That all who recognize the Lord, as did John the Baptist,  
make room for his presence in their lives,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D** That members of this community  
find favor with God, now and on the last day,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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*Priest Celebrant*

Merciful God, you call us to ongoing conversion and renewal of life.  
Take away our sin, and help us prepare the way of the Lord.  
Graciously hear us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Priest Celebrant*

Jesus has redeemed us from the death of sin  
through his Cross and resurrection;  
thus, we have courage to pray for mercy and forgiveness.

*Deacon or Lector*

- A That Christians everywhere  
resist temptation, and strive for humility,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- B That human beings throughout the world  
find the strength to conduct lives of greater and greater integrity,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- C That those who hurt others  
humbly confess their sins and show love,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
That all of us examine our consciences  
as a means of spiritual growth,  
let us pray to the Lord:
- D That those of us celebrating God's forgiveness today  
amend our lives, and become a source of blessing for others,  
let us pray to the Lord:
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*Priest Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, you call us to examine our lives in the light of your love.  
Help us to turn from sin, and take courage  
from the strength of your presence.  
Teach us to live in harmony, bearing the fruit of peace, joy, and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ.

## COMMON INTERCESSIONS

### COMMON INTERCESSIONS THAT CAN BE USED AT ANY CELEBRATION:

That the efforts of those who work for the increased respect for all human life bear fruit in our day,

For all the living, from conception to natural death,  
and for those who work to build a culture of life,

That this community might be a welcome place for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life,

For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life,  
and for all who work in the formation of priests and religious,

For a deepening spirit of prayer among catechumens  
and candidates for membership in our Church,

For all who do the work of evangelization,  
and for all who seek to join the Catholic Church,

For peace in our world,  
especially in those places torn by war and violence (*N.*, *N.*),

For the peacemakers among us, in our communities and beyond,  
that they not lose hope as they work for just solutions to the conflicts of our time,

For the sick, for comfort, freedom from pain,  
and for a recovery from all that ails them,

For the sick, (especially *N.*, *N.*) and those who care for their needs,

For those who have died this day,  
that they may be led by the choirs of angels to their heavenly reward,

For those who have died, that their purgation be brief,  
and their eternal rewards be great,

For those who have died, (especially *N.*, *N.*) and for those who mourn them,