

Liturgical Resources for Thy Kingdom Come

COLLECTS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

COLLECT FOR MISSION AND EVANGELISM (FROM COMMON WORSHIP)

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SOME SUGGESTED FORMS OF INTERCESSION FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We come before the Son of God, crucified and risen,
who eternally intercedes for us to the Father, saying:
turn our hearts again.

Son of God, you came into the world to save sinners:
All turn our hearts again.

You became poor that we might become rich:
All turn our hearts again.

You have taken on yourself all our sufferings:
All turn our hearts again.

You loved the Church and gave yourself for her:
All turn our hearts again.

For the joy which was set before you,
you endured the cross:
All turn our hearts again.

King of the ages, you brought us the gift of life
and opened the way to unending joy:
All turn our hearts again.

(or)

Let us turn to the risen Lord,
who gives us the Spirit to make all things new, saying:
renew us in your love.

O Word of life,
one God with the Father and the Spirit:
All renew us in your love.

O eternal Light,
who through the working of the Holy Spirit
received from the Virgin our human nature:
All renew us in your love.

O crucified Redeemer,
by the eternal Spirit you offered yourself to the Father for us:
All renew us in your love.

You breathed on the apostles the Spirit of your love,
that sinners might come to know the mercy of God:
All renew us in your love.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
from whom we receive the gifts of the Spirit:
All renew us in your love.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit
you wash away our sins in the waters of baptism
and open our hearts to the guiding hand of the Father:
All renew us in your love.

(or)

Let us give thanks to Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for us all, saying:
All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You lead us out and we find pasture:
All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You call us by name and we hear your voice:
All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

Whoever enters by you will be saved:
All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You laid down your life in order to take it up again:
All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You came that we might have life and have it abundantly:
All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

You lead us through the valley of the shadow of death
and we fear no evil:

All we thank you, Jesus our Lord.

(or)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FROM RITES ON THE WAY

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father,
through Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We pray for all who follow the Way of Christ
and for the unity of all Christian people;
break down that which separates us from one another and from you,
that knowing your forgiveness we may share your love
with a needy world.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who hold positions of responsibility and power
both internationally and in our local communities;
may your Holy Spirit guide them in their decision-making,
so that paths of truth and justice may be open to everyone.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

We give you thanks and pray
for all who support and care for us as we follow the Way of Christ,
our families and friends,
and our fellow pilgrims along the way;
nourish us all with the words of life and the bread of heaven,
that we may worship you joyfully,
listen to you willingly
and serve you gladly.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who,
through sickness, misfortune or abuse,
feel that their lives are without meaning or direction;
surround them with your love,
and give wisdom and patience to all who support and guide them.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

We thank you for the fullness of life you give us in Jesus Christ,
and for all whose lives have been an example of your truth
and life for us;
may our communion with them, and with all the saints,
nourish and support us on our earthly pilgrimage.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

FURTHER PRAYERS FOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE USE

A PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

O Lord, penetrate those murky corners where we hide memories and tendencies on which we do not care to look, but which we will not disinter and yield freely up to you, that you may purify and transmute them: the persistent buried grudge, the half-acknowledged enmity which is still smouldering; the bitterness of that loss we have not turned into sacrifice; the private comfort we cling to; the secret fear of failure which saps our initiative and is really inverted pride; the pessimism which is an insult to your joy, Lord; we bring all these to you, and we review them with shame and penitence in your steadfast light.

Evelyn Underhill

PRAYER OF ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us; and for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

A PRAYER OF ERIC MILNER-WHITE

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with you for ever.

Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)

PRAYERS FROM RITES ON THE WAY FOR DISCIPLESHIP (COMMON WORSHIP)

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord Christ, true light of the world,
shine, we pray, in the hearts of your people,
that we might see the Way that leads to eternal life,
and follow without stumbling;
for you are the Way, O Christ,
as you are the Truth and the Life.

(or)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

FURTHER PRAYERS FOR PRIVATE USE

Lord Jesus Christ,
may the tears shed in your earthly life
be balm for all who weep,
and may the prayers of your pilgrimage
give strength to all who suffer;
for your mercy's sake.

(or)

Jesus Christ, Son of God,
who passed through the dark sleep of death,
remember those who cry to you
in shame and silence and defeat
and raise them to your risen life,
for you are alive and reign for ever.

(or)

Give to us, Lord Christ,
the fullness of grace,
your presence and your very self,
for you are our portion and our delight,
now and for ever.

(or)

God, our light and our salvation,
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and, looking on your beauty,
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever.

(or)

O Christ, door of the sheepfold,
may we enter your gates with praise
and go from your courts to serve you
in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days.

(or)

God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A RESPONSORY FOR THE WEEK BEFORE PENTECOST
(CF ROMANS 8)

 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
All **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

 All who are led by the Spirit of God
 are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
All **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

 Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
 pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
All **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

 For the creation waits with eager longing
 for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
All **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people**
 and kindle in us the fire of your love.