

Family Prayers for Sunday, December 19, 2021 (Sunday before Christmas)

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life - come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hymns

Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Make ready, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened unto all. Prepare, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life has blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin, for her womb didst appear as a supersensual paradise in which is planted that holy Vine; if we should eat of it we shall live and not die as Adam of old. Christ shall be born, raising the image that fell at the beginning.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou wills!"

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. [Matthew](#)/[Matheut](#) 1:1-25

Let us pray for our leaders and helpers.

Lord, have mercy!

Let us pray for our loved ones (*include names*).

Let us pray for those who have departed this world with hope and faith in our merciful God, (*include names*).

Lord have mercy.

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from this virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those who are suffering. Guide the hands of doctors and nurses, carers and researchers, and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

A Prayer

O Master, Christ our God, Who from before all ages didst shine forth from Thine unoriginate Father, and in the latter days was ineffably incarnate and born of the most holy Virgin; Who for our sake was made poor, that by Thy poverty we might be enriched; Who was wrapped in swaddling clothes as an infant, and laid in a manger, yet as God possesses all things: Thyself accept our humble prayers and praises, as Thou didst the Shepherds' songs of praise and the gifts and homage of the Magi. Make us to be like unto the heavenly host praising Thee in hymns, Who art born on earth; Show us to be heirs of the eternal joy prepared for those that worthily honor Thy Nativity. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians, uphold Thy Churches, Thy priests and all Thy people. For Thou art God that lovest mankind, and art glorified, together with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thine all-holy, and Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers and Mothers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and save us! Amen.