

Family Prayers for Sunday, December 6, 2020 (26th Sunday after Pentecost)

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

By thy righteous deeds thou hast given to the world an example of virtue, faith, and abstinence. Wherefore thou hast won greatness by humility, and riches by poverty. O Father and Prelate Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of 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 super-sensual 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 appeared as a priest in Myra, O Saint Nicholas, fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, O venerable one; you laid down your life for your people and rescued the innocent from death. Therefore, you have been blest as a great initiate of the grace of God.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. [Luke/Luka](#) 17:12-19

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 to St. Nicholas

O all-praised and all-honored hierarch, great wonderworker, saint of Christ, Father Nicholas, man of God and faithful servant, man of love, chosen vessel, strong pillar of the Church, most brilliant lamp, star that illumines and enlightens the whole world: you are a righteous man that flourished like a palm tree planted in the courts of the Lord; dwelling in Myra you have diffused the fragrance of myrrh, and you pour out the ever-flowing myrrh of the grace of God. By your presence, most holy father, the sea was sanctified when your most wonderful relics were carried from east to west to the city of Bari, to praise the name of the Lord. O most excellent and marvelous wonderworker, speedy helper, fervent intercessor, good shepherd that saves the rational flock from all dangers, we glorify and magnify you as the hope of all Christians, a fountain of miracles, a defender of the faithful, a most wise teacher, a feeder of the hungry, the gladness of those that mourn, clothing of the naked, healer of the sick, pilot of those that sail the sea, liberator of prisoners, nourisher and protector of widows and orphans, guardian of chastity, gentle tutor of children, support of the aged, guide of fasters, rest of those that labor, abundant riches of the poor and needy. Hearken unto us that pray unto you and flee to your protection, show your mediation on our behalf with the Most High, and obtain through your God-pleasing intercessions all that is useful for the salvation of our souls and bodies; keep this holy Church, every city and town, and every land and those that dwell therein, from all oppression through your help; for we know that the prayer of a righteous man works much good; and after the most-blessed Virgin Mary, we have you as a righteous mediator with the all-merciful God, and to your fervent intercession and protection we humbly hasten. Keep us, as a watchful and good shepherd, from all enemies, from pestilence, earthquake, hail, famine, flood, fire, the sword, invasion of enemies, and in all our misfortunes and afflictions give us a helping hand and open the doors of God's compassion; for we are unworthy to look upon the height of heaven because of the multitude of our iniquities; we are bound by the bonds of sin and have not done the will of our Creator nor kept His commandments. Wherefore, we bow the knees of our broken and humble heart to our Maker, and we ask your fatherly intercession with Him: Help us, O servant of God, lest we perish in our sins, deliver us from all evil, and from every adverse thing, direct our minds and strengthen our hearts in the Orthodox Faith, which, through your mediation and intercession, neither wounds, nor threats, nor plague, nor the wrath of our Creator shall lessen; but grant that we may live a peaceful life here and see the good things in the land of the living, glorifying the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God praised and worshipped in Trinity, 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.