

Family Prayers for Sunday, December 27, 2020 (Sunday after the Nativity)

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

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the wise men journey with the star; since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. [Matthew](#)/[Matheut](#) 2:13-23

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 Almighty Master, Lord our God: when Thou wast born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judaea, creation was enlightened with trembling and the world rejoiced at Thy nativity. O Thou Who created mankind according to Thine image and likeness, and gavest baptism unto repentance, Who hast brought Thy servants unto these all-honourable days, unto abstinence from the passions and hope of resurrection, guiding us to the truth of Thy divinity: open our hearts and minds, that we may know Thee to be the Son of God Who takest away the sins of the whole world. We have heard a voice speaking, when the magi brought gifts to do Thee homage, while shepherds piped and angels chanted: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will among mankind; though Herod was troubled that God had appeared in the flesh for the salvation of the human race. Thee, O Master, Who lovest mankind, doth all creation now hymn, saying: Christ is born, give ye glory! Christ is on earth, be ye exalted! The assemblies of the angels now rejoice, and the choirs of the martyrs are filled with gladness, beholding Thy glorious and honored nativity, that we may all praise Thee with heart and lips as is meet. And now, O good Lord, Who lovest mankind, receive us, Thy servants. For unto Thee is due glory, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the 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.