

## **Family Prayers for Sunday, January 3, 2021 (Sunday before Theophany)**

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

The river Jordan was turned back by the mantle of Elisha, after Elijah had been taken up to heaven. The waters were parted in two, and the stream became a dry path. This was truly a type of baptism, by which we pass over the stream of life. Christ has shone forth in the Jordan to sanctify the waters.

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

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.

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I come to save Adam, the first-formed man!"

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark/Marku 1:1-8

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 at the start of the New Year

O Master, Lord our God, the Source of life and of immortality, the Author of all created things both visible and invisible, Who has placed all seasons and years in Thy power, and does direct all things with Thy Most-Wise and All-Gracious Providence: We thank Thee for Thy bounties, which Thou has poured out upon us, and we entreat Thee, O All-Bountiful Lord! Bless the crown of the coming year with Thy goodness: preserve all Thy beloved servants. Aid our leaders and authorities; preserve them in health, and grant them progress in every virtue. Bestow Thy good things from above upon all Thy people, health, salvation, and furtherance in all good things. Deliver Thy Holy Church, this city, and all cities and lands from every evil assault, and vouchsafe unto them peace and tranquility; and grant that we may always offer thanksgiving unto Thee, the Father Who is from everlasting, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thine All-Holy, and Good, and Life-Giving Spirit, God glorified in one Essence, and to hymn Thine All-Holy Name. Amen.

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