

# Benediction Hymns and Prayer

## O SAVING VICTIM

O saving victim, op'ning wide  
The gate of heav'n to us below.  
Our foes press on from ev'ry side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with thee.  
Amen.

## HYMN OF ADORATION

Down in adoration falling,  
This great sacrament we hail;  
Ancient types have long departed  
Newer rites of grace prevail  
Faith for all defects supplying  
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
honour, might and praise addressing  
while eternal ages run;  
Equal praise to him confessing  
who proceeds from both as one.  
AMEN  
V. You have given them bread from heaven  
R. Having in itself all delight.

## SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;  
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
In death's dread moments make me only thine.  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high,  
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

**Celebrant:** At the sight of the crowds,  
Jesus' heart was moved.

**Response:** For they were like sheep  
without a shepherd.

**Celebrant:** Jesus said, 'The harvest is  
ready.'

**Response:** But the labourers are few.

**Celebrant:** Ask the Lord to send our  
labourers for the harvest.

**Response:** O Lord, we pray for more  
young people to answer the call to become  
priests and religious in your harvest.

**Celebrant:** And shepherd for your people.

**Response:** Amen.



## MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

*Monday of the Second week of Advent*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no  
longer fear.

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 35:1-10 (JB)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 84:9-14 (JB)

**R.** Our God will come to save us!

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Behold the king will come, the Lord of earth:  
and he will set us free.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL:

Luke 5:17-26 (JB)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace,  
that we may rejoice before you with a  
blameless heart.

## WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

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## TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023

*Tuesday of the Second week of Advent*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy  
ones with him; and on that day there will be a  
great light.

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11 (JB)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 95:1-3, 10-13 (JB)

**R.** The Lord our God comes in strength.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.  
Proclaim his help day by day. **R.**

Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the world shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The day of the Lord is near:  
he comes to save us.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:12-14 (JB)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of  
righteousness on those who eagerly await his  
coming.

**WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023***Wednesday of the Second week of Advent***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity (E.T. alleluia).

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 40:25-31 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10 (JB)

**R.** O bless the Lord, my soul.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us, according to our sins; nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord is coming to save his people; happy are those prepared to meet him.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Matthew 11:28-30 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life (E.T. alleluia).

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**THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023***Thursday of the Second week of Advent***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 41:13-20 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 144:1, 9-13 (JB)

**R.** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**


Matthew 11:11-15 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

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**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023***Friday of the Second week of Advent***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 48:17-19 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 1:1-4, 6 (JB)

**R.** Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but who delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

**SECOND READING:**

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The Lord will come, go out to meet him! He is the prince of peace.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Matthew 11:16-19 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.

**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023***Saturday of the Second week of Advent***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.

**FIRST READING:**

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (JB)

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!!

**GOSPEL:**

Matthew 17:10-13 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.