

A FORM OF PRAYER FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit,
that I may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, *
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to
save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, *
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare
his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

OR ON CHRIST THE KING AND AT CHRISTMAS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Psalm and Reading for the day **November 15th**

Psalm 90 vv1-8 Matthew 25: 14-30

November 22nd Christ the King

Psalm 95:1-7 Matthew 25:31 to end.

November 29th Advent Sunday

Psalm 80:1-7 Mark 13: 24-37

6th December Advent 2

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Mark 1:1-18

13th December Advent 3

Psalm 126 John 1:6-8, 19-28

20th December Advent 4

Magnificat, Luke 1:28-38

25th December Christmas Day

Psalm 97 Luke 2:1-20

27th December Christmas 1

Psalm 148 John 1:1-14

*Prayers, including the Lord's Prayer and either the
collect for the day or one of the following:*

(Before Advent)

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Advent)

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal; Amen

(Christmas)

Almighty God,

who wonderfully created us in your own image

and yet more wonderfully restored us

through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,

so we may share the life of his divinity. Amen

The Grace.