

# Collects of the Christian Year

## ADVENT

### **The First Sunday in Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Advent*

### **The Second Sunday in Advent**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Advent*

### **The Third Sunday in Advent**

Lord Jesus Christ, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Advent*

*Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional Winter Ember Days.*

### **The Fourth Sunday in Advent [Annunciation]**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*

*Preface of Advent*

## CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Eve

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the revelation of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

### Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

*Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

*The Collect immediately preceding and any of the sets of Proper Lessons for Christmas Day serve for any weekdays between Holy Innocents' Day and the First Sunday of Christmas*

*When Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the next Sunday is The Sunday after Christmas Day: The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### The First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

### The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ [January 1]

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised for our sake in obedience to the Covenant of Abraham, and given the Name that is above every name: give us the grace to faithfully bear his Name, to worship him in the Spirit given in the New Covenant, and to proclaim him as the Savior of the world; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Presentation*

### The Second Sunday of Christmas

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our

humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

## **EPIPHANY**

### **The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles** [January 6]

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Epiphany*

*The Collect, with the Psalm and Lessons for the Epiphany, or those for the Second Sunday after Christmas, serves for weekdays between the Epiphany and the following Sunday.*

*When the Epiphany falls on a Sunday, subsequent Sundays are Sundays after Epiphany.*

### **The First Sunday of Epiphany** [Baptism of Our Lord]

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Epiphany*

### **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Epiphany*

### **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Epiphany*

### **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and grave dangers that in the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*  
*Preface of the Epiphany*

### **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple** [February 2]

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Presentation*

*The pre-Lenten “-gesimas” may be observed on the last three Sundays before Lent.*

### **The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, we ask you to keep your household the Church continually in your true religion; so that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever. *Amen*

*Preface of the Lord’s Day, or of the Epiphany*

### **The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, we ask you mercifully to look upon your people; that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Lord’s Day, or of the Epiphany*

### **The Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace to keep your commandments; so that we may please you in will and deed; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Lord’s Day, or of the Epiphany*

### **The Eighth Sunday of Epiphany**

Lord God, you know that without your grace we cannot put our trust in anything that we do; defend us, by your mighty power, from all adversities which might assault and hurt our souls; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and

reigns as one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Lord's Day, or of the Epiphany*

### **The Second to last Sunday of Epiphany** [World Mission Sunday]

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Epiphany*

*This collect, with corresponding psalms and lessons, may be substituted for any Sunday of Epiphany, except the First or the Last.*

### **The Last Sunday of Epiphany** [Transfiguration]

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Epiphany or of Transfiguration*

## **LENT**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Lent*

*This Collect, with the corresponding Psalm and Lessons, also serves for the weekdays which follow, except as otherwise appointed.*

### **The First Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Lent*

*Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional Spring Ember Days.*

### **The Second Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Lent*

### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

Heavenly Father, you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look upon the heartfelt desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the strong hand of your Majesty to be our defense against our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

*Preface of Lent*

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

*Preface of Lent*

### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent [Passion Sunday]**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Lent*

## **HOLY WEEK**

### **Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Holy Week*

### **Monday of Holy Week**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord [who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever]. *Amen.*

*Preface of Holy Week*

### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Lord our God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to be whipped and did not hide his face from shame and spitting: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord [who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever]. *Amen.*

*Preface of Holy Week*

### **Wednesday of Holy Week**

Assist us mercifully with your grace, Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts by which you have promised us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord [who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever]. *Amen.*

*Preface of Holy Week*

### **Maundy Thursday**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; [and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever]. *Amen.*

*Preface of Maundy Thursday*

### **Good Friday**

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; [who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever]. *Amen.*

## **Holy Saturday**

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*or*

O God of the living, on this day your Son descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness on all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and give us a share in the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

## **EASTER**

### **Easter Eve**

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up that Spirit of adoption which is given to your Church in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **Easter Day**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

OR

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of death and the devil: Grant us the grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection, through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*



### **Monday of Easter Week**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **Tuesday of Easter Week**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **Wednesday of Easter Week**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **Thursday of Easter Week**

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth so that they may return to the path of righteousness: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **Friday of Easter Week**

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **Saturday of Easter Week**

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **The Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **The Third Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us the grace thankfully to receive this his inestimable benefit, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord; *who* lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter [Good Shepherd]**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter [Rogation]**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Easter*

*Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week are the traditional Rogation Days.*

### **Ascension Day**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and

with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Ascension*

### **The Sunday after the Ascension**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Ascension*

### **Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)**

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Pentecost*

OR

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Pentecost*

*The Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the traditional Summer Ember Days.*

## **THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST**

*Easter concludes with the Day of Pentecost. The remainder of the Christian Year is “after Pentecost,” or, in the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer, “after Trinity.” The First Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. The collect and lessons for the weekdays following the Day of Pentecost and for the weekdays following the First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) are not those of the Day of Pentecost or of Trinity Sunday, but those appointed in the “Sunday closest to” section of the collects and the “Sunday closest to” section of the lectionary. All subsequent Sundays of the Christian Year are numbered in succession as “after Pentecost” (or “after Trinity”) and the collect and lessons are drawn from the appropriate “Sunday closest to” materials. There is no seasonal Preface. The Preface of the Lord’s Day may be used on Sundays, but not on weekdays. The later the date of Pentecost, the greater the number of early entries in the “Sunday*

*closest to” section where collects and lessons will go unused that year. But the omitted lessons will generally have been appointed for the latter weeks of Epiphany Season.*

### **Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Trinity Sunday*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to May 11**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace to keep your commandments, that we may please you in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to May 18**

O Lord, you never fail to support and govern those whom you bring up in your steadfast fear and love: Keep us, we pray, under your continual protection and providence, and give us a perpetual fear and love of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to May 25**

O Lord, we ask you mercifully to hear us, and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and comforted in all our adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to June 1**

O God, the protector of all those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply in us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to June 8**

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered in your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to June 15**

O Lord, from whom comes all good things; grant us, your humble servants, the inspiration to always think and do those things which are good, that by your merciful guiding we may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to June 22**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to June 29**

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and on earth: Put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to July 6**

Grant us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to July 13**

Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you; and that we might receive what we ask, enable us by your Holy Spirit to ask only what accords with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Week of the Sunday closest to July 20**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to July 27**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to August 3**

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to August 10**

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, so that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to August 17**

Keep your Church in safety, O Lord; for without your grace the frailty of our nature cannot but make us fall; so in your mercy keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us in all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to August 24**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to August 31**

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always both precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to September 7**

Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that we may love you faithfully with all our heart and soul and mind and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to September 14**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after September 14 are the traditional autumnal Ember Days.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to September 21**

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to September 28**

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that by your grace we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to October 5**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness; that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devotedly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to October 12**

God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain

effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who sits at your right hand to intercede for us, and who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns in everlasting glory. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to October 19**

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to October 26**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**All Saints' Day** [November 1]

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Preface of All Saints*

**Week of the Sunday closest to November 2**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to November 9**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Week of the Sunday closest to November 16**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they may plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works, as they await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to restore all things to



their original perfection; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
*Amen*

**Week of the Sunday closest to November 23** [Christ the King]

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christ the King*

## Holy Days

**Saint Andrew** [November 30]

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Saint Thomas** [December 21]

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Saint Stephen** [December 26]

Grant, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of your truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Spirit, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of your first martyr Stephen, who prayed for his murderers as did his Lord and Savior; who now sits at the right hand of God to intercede for all who suffer in his Name, and who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

**Saint John the Evangelist** [December 27]

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

**The Holy Innocents** [December 28]

Almighty God, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the holy innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

**The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ** [January 1]

*The collect and lessons for this Holy Day may be found between the entries of the First and Second Sundays of Christmas.*

**Confession of Saint Peter** [January 18]

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Conversion of Saint Paul** [January 25]

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple** [February 2]

*The collect and lessons for this Holy Day may be found between the entries for the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Epiphany.*

**Saint Matthias** [February 24]

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Saint Joseph** [March 19]

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Epiphany*

**The Annunciation** [March 25]

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Epiphany*

**Saint Mark** [April 25]

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ: We thank you for his witness, and pray that you will give us the grace to know the truth and not be carried about by every wind of false doctrine; so that we may truly and firmly accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of All Saints*

**Saint Philip and Saint James** [May 1]

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James the grace and strength to bear witness to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**The Visitation** [May 31]

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our

Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*  
*Preface of the Epiphany*

**Saint Barnabas** [June 11]

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and went forth courageously in mission for the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** [June 24]

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Advent*

**Saint Peter and Saint Paul** [June 29]

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Saint Mary Magdalene** [July 22]

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Saint James** [July 25]

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**The Transfiguration** [August 6]

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Transfiguration*

**Saint Mary the Virgin** [August 15]

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Christmas*

**Saint Bartholomew** [August 24]

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

**Holy Cross Day** [September 14]

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Preface of Holy Week*

**Saint Matthew** [September 21]

Lord Jesus, you called Matthew from collecting taxes to become your apostle and evangelist; grant us the grace to forsake all covetous desires and the pursuit of inordinate riches, so that we may also follow you as he did and proclaim to the world around us the good news of your salvation; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Apostles*

**Holy Michael and All Angels** [September 29]

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Trinity Sunday*

**Saint Luke** [October 18]

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: We pray that we, by the wholesome medicine of the doctrine which he taught, may have all the diseases of our souls be healed; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of All Saints*

**Saint James of Jerusalem** [October 23]

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your apostle James the Just, kinsman of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Apostles*

**Saint Simon and Saint Jude** [October 28]

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Apostles*

## **Ember Days (The Ministry of the Church)**

*For use on the traditional days or at other times*

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

*Preface of the Apostles and Ordinations*

OR

O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Apostles and Ordinations*

### **Rogation Days (Agriculture and Industry)**

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Season*

OR

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of the Season*

## **National Days**

### **Dominion Day** [Canada on July 1]

Lord God, you provide for your people by your power, and rule over them in love: So bless your servant our King/Queen *N.*, and *his/her* Government in this Dominion of Canada, that your people may dwell in peace and safety, and your Church serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Trinity Sunday*

### **Independence Day** [United States of America on July 4]

Lord God, through whose mighty power our founders won their liberties of old; Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Trinity Sunday*

## **Thanksgiving Day** [Canada and United States of America]

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for life and health and safety; for strength to work and leisure to rest; for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Trinity Sunday*

## **Remembrance (Veterans) Day** [November 11] **and Memorial Day** [United States of America - Monday nearest May 28]]

O King and Judge of the nations: We remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our armed forces, who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy; grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **Common of Commemorations**

*The festival of a saint is observed in accordance with the rules of precedence set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year. At the discretion of the Celebrant, and as appropriate, any of the following Collects, with one of the corresponding sets of Psalms and Lessons, may be used a) at the commemoration of a saint listed in the Calendar for which no Proper is provided in this Book, or b) at the patronal festival or commemoration of a saint not listed in the Calendar.*

### **Of a Martyr**

Almighty God, who gave to your servant *N.* boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Holy Week*

### **Of a Missionary or Evangelist**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant *N.*, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of \_\_\_\_\_ (or to the \_\_\_\_\_ people); raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Pentecost*

### **Of a Pastor**



O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant *N.*, to be a [bishop and] pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of a Saint*

### **Of a Teacher of the Faith**

Almighty God, you gave to your servant *N.* special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of a Saint, or of Trinity Sunday*

### **Of a Monastic**

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant *N.*, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of a Saint*

### **Of a Reformer of the Church**

O God, by whose grace your servant *N.*, kindled with the flame of your love, became a burning and a shining light in your Church, turning error into truth and arrogance into humility: Grant that we also may be aflame with the same spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; that your Church on earth may more closely resemble your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Pentecost*

### **Of a Renewer of Society**

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your servant *N.* to manifest your compassion and mercy on the poor and the persecuted; Grant to us, your humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who give thanks for *his* righteous zeal may profit by *his* example; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of a Saint*

### **Of an Ecumenist**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the ministry of *N.* who labored that the Church of Jesus Christ might be one: Grant that we, instructed by *his* teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Pentecost*

### **Of Any Commemoration**

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servant *N.*, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with him attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Any Commemoration*

OR

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Preface of Any Commemoration*