

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, A
CHRISTMAS**

Priest Celebrant Let us pray to live temperately, justly, and devoutly,
as we await the glory of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

Deacon/Cantor/Priest

For the baptized and the ordained;
for our brothers and sisters in consecrated life;
for catechumens and candidates for full communion,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the unity of Christians; for the Chosen People of Christ's birth;
for believers and everyone who searches,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the leaders of nations;
for governors, mayors, legislators, judges, and public servants,
let us pray to the Lord:

For peace in families, races, nations;
for children born and to be born,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the sharing of earth's resources;
for an end to terror, violence, war;
for the return home of the military,
let us pray to the Lord:

For victims of mental, physical, sexual abuse,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the unemployed, the homeless, the hungry,
the estranged, the outcast, the imprisoned, and all who serve them,
let us pray to the Lord:

For caregivers, our sick and their families,
let us pray to the Lord:

For whoever mourns spouse or child, parent, relative, friend;
for all our dead [in particular
let us pray to the Lord:

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Priest Celebrant We praise you, Father, in your Son born to save us.
Let the peace of your Spirit cover the earth,
now and for ever.

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, A
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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Have confidence in our Father,
who provides whatever we ask in faith:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the single, the engaged, and the married;
for consecrated religious and the ordained,
we pray to the Lord:

For the widowed, the separated, the divorced;
for anyone in vocational crisis; for the healing of estrangements,
we pray to the Lord:

For whoever suffers verbal, physical, sexual abuse;
for truth, morality, and holiness in all Christ's Church,
we pray to the Lord:

For public support of marriage and family life;
for the protection of the unborn and of every human being,
we pray to the Lord:

For the unemployed, the hungry and homeless,
the addicted, the imprisoned, the outcast, and their families,
we pray to the Lord:

For peace in the Land of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
all the Mid-East, and every land in peril;
for avoidance of war and the safe return home of our armed forces,
we pray to the Lord:

For our brothers and sisters who suffer in body, mind, spirit,
we pray to the Lord:

For everyone who mourns child or parent;
for all our beloved dead [especially
we pray to the Lord:

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Priest Celebrant

Clothe us, Father,
with your own compassion and kindness,
with your humility, gentleness and patience:
to bear with one another,
to forgive, as you have forgiven,
and to live with you,
now, and for ever.

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, A
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Priest Celebrant

With Mary, cry out "Abba, Father",
who hears every prayer through Jesus, his Son:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the Church, born of Mary at the Cross,
we pray to the Lord:

For catechumens, and candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist,
Marriage, Ordination, Religious Consecration,
we pray to the Lord:

For local and national leaders and public servants;
for the safe return home of military personnel,
we pray to the Lord:

For the protection of human life at every stage;
for the responsible use of earth's resources,
we pray to the Lord:

For the healing of terror and war;
of religious, racial, ethnic oppression;
of mental, physical, sexual abuse,
we pray to the Lord:

For the unemployed, the hungry, the homeless,
the addicted, the imprisoned, and their families,
we pray to the Lord:

For the lost in this past year's disasters and the survivors,
we pray to the Lord:

For our sick, our war injured, and everyone who serves them,
we pray to the Lord:

For [],
the war-dead, and all our faithful departed of the past year,
we pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

Through your Son born of Mary,
O Father of time and eternity,
have pity on us and bless us,
today and through this year of grace.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, A

Priest Celebrant

The Lord rescues the poor, when they cry out.
The Lord has pity on the lowly
and saves their lives:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the unity of Christians
and fidelity to the Cross in prayer, word, and deed,
we pray to the Lord:

For generous response to the Holy Spirit's call to the Sacraments of Initiation,
to Holy Orders, Matrimony, and to the Consecrated Life,
we pray to the Lord:

For the single, the engaged, and the married;
the widowed, the separated, the divorced,
we pray to the Lord:

For our president, governor, mayor, legislators, and judges;
for local officials and public servants,
we pray to the Lord:

For immigrants, displaced persons, and anyone deprived of liberty;
for war victims and the return home of military personnel,
we pray to the Lord:

For resistance to substance abuse and addictions;
for the physical, spiritual, and moral protection of our children,
we pray to the Lord:

For our sick,
we pray to the Lord:

For [, and]
everyone who has died this Christmas time and their survivors,
we pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

Lead us, Father, by the light of your star
to the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of your Son,
who came in our flesh
to die and arise for our salvation.
Who lives and reigns with you, now, and for ever.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, A

Priest Celebrant

In, with, and through the Son,
in whom the Father is well pleased,
let our prayer today be for
justice, peace, and reconciliation:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For fidelity to Jesus' Baptism by dying to self and
proclaiming his Good News in word and action,
we pray to the Lord:

For his peace in our hearts and every heart that seeks it –
in his homeland, its neighbors, and wherever war threatens,
we pray to the Lord:

For the protection of all human life;
for protection from mental, physical, sexual abuse,
we pray to the Lord:

For the physically or mentally impaired
and everyone who serves them,
we pray to the Lord:

For the conservation of earth's resources;
for the nourishment, health, and education of every people,
we pray to the Lord:

For the addicted and imprisoned;
for their families and care-givers,
we pray to the Lord:

For our suffering sisters and brothers,
we pray to the Lord:

For our deceased
[today in particular _____],
we pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

We praise you, Father,
who reveal your glory in your Son.
Draw your children from darkness,
to be your light to the nations and
to live with you for ever and ever.