

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [CHRISTMAS] A5

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 to 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 and 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 terrorism, 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 our sick [],
their families, and caregivers,
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:

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

The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH A5

This year, however - 2016 - the Feast is observed on Friday, December 30.

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

For protection from verbal, physical, sexual abuse;
for truth, morality, and holiness in all Christ's Church,
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,
in all the Near and 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:

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. Through Christ our Lord.

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] A5
SOLEMNITY OF 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,
let us pray to the Lord:

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

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

For the protection of human life at every stage;
for the responsible use and sharing of earth’s resources,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the healing of sisters and brothers who suffer crime, terror, war;
religious or racial oppression; mental, physical, sexual abuse,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the unemployed, the hungry, the homeless, the refugee,
the addicted, the imprisoned, and their families,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the many taken from us in the past year’s earthquakes, fires, floods,
accidents, crimes, terror and war; for the survivors,
let us pray to the Lord:

For our sick [_____],
our war injured, and everyone who serves them,
let us pray to the Lord:

For [_____],
the war-dead, and all our faithful departed of the past year,
let us 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 throughout a new year of grace.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD A5

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 reunion of Catholics with our Orthodox brothers and sisters;
for unity in Christ of all who claim his name of *Christian*;
for 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 victims of terror and war 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 which is your Son,
who came in our flesh to die and arise for our salvation.
Who lives and reigns with you,
now, and for ever.

**Sunday after the Epiphany of the Lord
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD A5**

In 2017, however, this Feast is observed on Monday, January 9.

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
by proclaiming his Good News in word and action,
let us 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,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the universal recognition of the sanctity of all human life;
for protection from mental, physical, sexual abuse,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the physically or mentally challenged and everyone who serves them,
let us pray to the Lord:

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

For the addicted and imprisoned; for their families and attendants,
let us pray to the Lord:

For [, and]
our many suffering sisters and brothers,
let us pray to the Lord:

For our deceased [today in particular],
let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant Accept our praise, 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 forever.
Through Christ our Lord.