

**THE ORDER FOR  
EVENING PRAYER  
DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

*Minister*

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

*Ezekiel 18: 27*

I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

*Psalm 51: 3*

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. *Psalm 51: 9*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm 51: 17*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2: 13*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9: 9,10*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jeremiah 10: 24; Psalm 6: 1*

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3: 2*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *Luke 15: 18,19*

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalm 143: 2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8,9*

*(For CHRISTMAS)*

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people: for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2: 10,11*

*(For EASTER)*

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. *1 Corinthians 15: 20*

*(For ASCENSION)*

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. *Acts 5: 31*

*(For WHITSUNTIDE)*

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them, that ask him? *Luke 11: 13*

*The minister says this Exhortation, or a portion of it:*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*Instead of the Exhortation the minister may say*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

*Kneel*

### A GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

### THE ABSOLUTION

*or Remission of sins is pronounced by the priest alone.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, And the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**  
**Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

THE PSALM OR PSALMS

Glory | be • to the | Father, ■  
and to the Son, | and • to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it | was in • the be|ginning, ■  
is now and ever shall be, | world with •out | end. A | men.  
*is repeated at the end of every Psalm.*

A LESSON  
*from the Old Testament is read.*

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1: 46-55*

- 1 My soul doth | magni•fy the | Lord, ■  
and my spirit hath re|joiced in | God my | Saviour.
- 2 For | he • hath re|garded ■ \_\_\_\_  
the lowliness | of his | hand|maiden.
- 3 For be|hold from | henceforth ■  
all gener|ations • shall | call me | blessèd.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath | magni•fied | me, ■  
and | holy | is his | Name.
- 5† And his mercy is on | them that | fear him ■  
through |out all | gene|rations.
- 6 He hath showèd | strength • with his | arm, ■  
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagin|ation | of their | hearts.

- 7 He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat ■  
 and hath ex|alted • the | humble • and | meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with | good | things ■  
 and the rich | he hath • sent | empty • a | way.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | servant | Israel, ■  
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.  
 Glory | be • to the | Father, ■  
 and to the Son, | and • to the | Holy | Spirit;  
 as it | was in • the be|ginning, ■  
 is now and ever shall be, | world with • out | end. A | men.

*or CANTATE DOMINO Psalm 98 (page 133)*

A LESSON  
*from the New Testament is read.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de|part in | peace: ■  
 ac|cording | to thy | word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen | thy sal|vation ■  
 which thou hast prepared be|fore the | face of • all | people;
- 3 To be a light to | lighten • the | Gentiles ■  
 and to be the glory of thy | people | Isra|el.  
 Glory | be • to the | Father, ■  
 and to the Son, | and • to the | Holy | Spirit;  
 as it | was in • the be|ginning, ■  
 is now and ever shall be, | world with • out | end. A | men.

*or DEUS MISEREATUR Psalm 67 (page 134)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED  
*is said or sung*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you  
and with thy Spirit.

*Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who tres-  
pass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

*The minister stands and says*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

**N.I.** [O Lord, save the Queen]

**R.I.** [O Lord, guide and defend our rulers]  
**and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness  
**and make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people  
**and bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## THE COLLECTS

*The Collect of the day is said and the following collects:*

### THE SECOND COLLECT *For Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### THE THIRD COLLECT *For Aid against all Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*or For Grace and Protection*

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

AN ANTHEM OR HYMN *may be sung.*

A SERMON *may be preached here  
or after the following prayers.*

PRAYERS

*The prayers always conclude with A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom  
and THE GRACE.*

N.I. [*A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign *Lady, Queen ELIZABETH*; and so replenish *her* with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that *she* may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue *her* plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant *her* in health and wealth long to live; strengthen *her* that *she* may vanquish and overcome all *her* enemies; and finally, after this life, *she* may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**]

N.I. [*A Prayer for the Royal Family*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless \* and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**]

*\*Here shall be inserted the names and titles of members of the Royal Family as directed.*



*N.I. [A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament*

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, at this time assembled, that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign, and *her* Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**]

*R.I. [A prayer for the President and all in authority*

Almighty God, who rulest over the kingdoms of the world; We commend to thy merciful care the people of this land, that being guarded by thy providence, they may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of this State and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, that they may serve thy people faithfully to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**]

*R.I. [A prayer for the Houses of the Oireachtas*

Almighty God, source of all authority and wisdom: guide by your Spirit those who represent us in Dáil and Seanad. As representatives of the people keep them humble, as legislators make them compassionate, and as politicians defend their integrity. So may the proceedings of the Oireachtas serve the truth and promote the common good. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the servant Lord. **Amen.**]

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all People committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

*A General Thanksgiving*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants Do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.**

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13: 14*