

Prayers for the Lord's Day

Sunday Morning Prayer

(to be said with a lit candle)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of all that is.

You have sanctified this day. Having made us for yourself, we kindle the light to mark this day as Holy, a day set apart to honor and to celebrate

Your work of creation and our redemption won through Your Son

We pray this time may bring blessings of joy and peace to our hearts as we put workday thoughts and cares aside, gather to give you praise, rejoice and join you in rest. Trusting in your providential care, we lay down our own work, worry, anxiety, need for productivity, and our own striving—in order that we might abide in your freedom and peace. Let the brightness of this Lord's Day light shine forth to tell that the divine spirit of love abides within our hearts and home. In its light may all our blessings be enriched, all our grief and trials softened.

We pray for the needs and care of your Church as we gather to worship you- priests, deacons, religious, sons and daughters all over the world together with the angels and saints- united as one body in you. We pray for true Christian unity and that all people will come to know your unmeasurable love for them. We pray especially today for those who are suffering and in most need.

We pray with grateful hearts asking your blessing on all the activities of our day, that it might be a time of relationship and refreshment- a day of joy and delight in You and Your love as we remember who we are in Your creation, and observe with Hope born of your death and resurrection.

Amen

Sunday Evening Prayer

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of all that is.

You have sanctified this day having made us for yourself.

We thank you for the holy time of Sunday to remember who we are in your creation and to renew our trust in you as our Savior and our Hope.

We thank you for all the gifts of this day: the worship shared with Your Word and Eucharist, the rest received, the activity enjoyed, the relationships renewed, and the joy and pleasure of your awesome grandeur.

May this day's grace carry us through the coming week as we continue to live and work each day learning to love better.

We joyfully look forward to the next Lord's Day and to when Christ will come again, at last, to take us to His perfect rest.

Amen