

Prayers of the Faithful for Christ the King, Thanksgiving and Trinity Sunday

Complete sets for the Solemnity of Christ the King (Years A, B and C), Thanksgiving Day Mass and Trinity Sunday.

How to use: the priest introduces and concludes the Universal Prayer; a deacon, cantor or reader announces the intentions; the people respond. Replace [Name] or N. with the name of the person. Choose four to six intentions.

Christ the King

Response: Lord, hear our prayer. (Or: *Christ our King, hear our prayer.*)

Set 1: Year A, the King who judges by love (2026)

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Christ our King came not to be served but to serve. Let us bring to him the needs of his people and of the whole world.

1. For the Church, that she may serve Christ the King in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the prisoner, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For all who hold power in nations and communities, that they may rule with justice and care for the least of their people, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For the hungry, the homeless, refugees and prisoners, in whom Christ waits to be recognized, that they may find help and dignity, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For the sick and the lonely, that our parish may visit them and bring them the comfort of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our community, that as the Church's year ends and Advent draws near, we may examine our lives by the measure of love, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For all who have died, that Christ the Shepherd-King may say to them, "Come, ye blessed of my Father," let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Lord Jesus, King of the universe, you will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. Hear our prayers, and make us faithful servants of your kingdom of love. You live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Set 2: Year B, a kingdom not of this world (2027)

Priest: Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world." Let us pray to the King who came to bear witness to the truth.

1. For the Pope, our bishop and all who preach the Gospel, that they may bear witness to the truth with courage and love, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For leaders of nations, that they may seek truth, defend the innocent and work for peace, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For Christians who are persecuted for their faith, that Christ the King may give them strength and freedom, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all who are searching for truth and meaning, that they may hear the voice of Christ and follow him, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our parish, that we may live as citizens of Christ's kingdom of justice, love and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

6. For our beloved dead, that they may share in the everlasting reign of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Almighty Father, you have given your Son a kingdom that will never be destroyed. Hear the prayers we make in his name, and gather all people under his gentle rule. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Set 3: Year C, the King on the Cross

Priest: Our King reigns from the Cross and promises paradise to a repentant thief. With confidence, let us bring him our prayers.

1. For the Church, that she may proclaim the mercy of the crucified King to every sinner, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For those in authority, that they may use their power to reconcile and to heal, not to divide, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For prisoners and those condemned to death, and for the victims of crime and their families, that they may know the mercy and justice of God, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For the dying, that like the good thief they may turn to Jesus and hear him say, "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise," let us pray to the Lord.
5. For all of us gathered here, that we may give Christ the throne of our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the faithful departed, that they may be with Christ in paradise, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Lord Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear our prayers, and bring us with all the saints to the joy of your presence. You live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Set 4: Diocesan World Youth Day

Since 2021, the dioceses of the world keep World Youth Day on the Solemnity of Christ the King. This set can be read by young people.

Priest: Christ is the King who calls young people to follow him. Let us pray for them and with them.

1. For the Church, that she may listen to young people and help them meet Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For young people in places of war, poverty and violence, that they may find safety, hope and a future, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For young people who are struggling with loneliness, anxiety or addiction, that they may find friends and help, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For young people discerning their vocation, that they may answer generously whether God calls them to marriage, the priesthood or religious life, let us pray to the Lord.

5. For the young people of our parish and our schools, that they may make Christ the King of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For young people who have died, and for their families, that they may know the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you look at every young person with love. Hear our prayers, and make them bold witnesses to your kingdom. You live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Set 5: Children's Mass

Short intentions that children can read.

Priest: Jesus is our King, and he loves each one of us. Let us ask him for what we need.

1. For the Pope and all priests, that they may help everyone to know Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For presidents, kings and leaders, that they may be kind and fair like Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For children who are hungry, sick or alone, that people will help them, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For our families, that Jesus may be the King of our homes, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For us, that we may help others, because whatever we do for others we do for Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For people who have died, that they may be happy with Jesus in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Jesus, our King, thank you for loving us. Help us to love you and everyone we meet. You live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Set 1: Gratitude for our daily bread

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the holy Church, that she may effectively witness to God's abundant mercy and saving grace, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For our nation's leaders, that they may govern with gratitude and wisdom, serving the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For farmers, agricultural workers, and all who help provide our daily bread, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who cannot afford a Thanksgiving meal, that they may be blessed through the generosity of others, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That we may show our gratitude through generous sharing with those in need, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the sick and bereaved in our parish, and for the people whose needs we bring to this Mass, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For our deceased loved ones, especially [Name], who taught us to be grateful, let us pray to the Lord.

Set 2: Families, food banks and parish outreach

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church's mission of thanksgiving and praise throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That civic leaders may work to ensure all have access to basic necessities, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who work in food banks and soup kitchens, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For families divided by distance or discord, that they may find reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those facing food insecurity in our nation, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the volunteers in our parish outreach programs, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For all the faithful departed, especially [Name], let us pray to the Lord.

Set 3: Gratitude and the wider community

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Pope, our bishops, and all church leaders, that they may guide the faithful with wisdom and grace, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For those who protect and serve our communities, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who cannot be with their families this Thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we may grow in appreciation for God's countless blessings, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For the homeless and hungry in our midst, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the success of our parish Thanksgiving outreach, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For our departed relatives and friends, especially [Name], let us pray to the Lord.

Set 4: Harvest, creation and people in need

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the holy Catholic Church, that she may teach all people to give thanks to God, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For peace and justice in our nation and world, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For agricultural scientists working to end world hunger, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those suffering from poverty and want, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That we may be mindful of environmental stewardship, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the sick and homebound in our parish, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For those who have died, especially [Name], let us pray to the Lord.

Set 5: Workers, refugees and neighbors facing hardship

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church, that she may effectively proclaim the mystery of Christ to all nations, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For wisdom for those who shape public policy, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who work on Thanksgiving Day serving others, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For refugees and immigrants seeking a new home, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That we may share our abundance with cheerful hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those struggling with addiction in our community, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For our faithful departed, especially [Name], let us pray to the Lord.

Set 6: Unity, work and daily needs

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church, that she may boldly proclaim God's saving grace to all people, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That national leaders may work to eliminate hunger and poverty, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who harvest the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For unity among all people of good will, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those experiencing unemployment or financial hardship, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the sick and bereaved in our parish, and for the people whose needs we bring to this Mass, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For all who have died, especially [Name], let us pray to the Lord.

Set 7: Vocations, caregivers and the bereaved

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that men and women may generously respond to God's call, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For those who serve in the armed forces, away from home, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For healthcare workers caring for the sick on this holiday, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we may be good stewards of the earth's resources, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those suffering from natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the sick and bereaved in our parish, and for the people whose needs we bring to this Mass, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For our deceased loved ones, especially [Name], let us pray to the Lord.

Trinity Sunday

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Set 1: Year B, "Go and teach all nations" (2027)

Priest: Brothers and sisters, we were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. With confidence, let us bring our prayers to the God who is love.

1. For the Church, sent to make disciples of all nations, that she may proclaim the Gospel with joy and baptize in the name of the Holy Trinity, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For all who will be baptized this year, children and adults, and for their parents and godparents, that they may live as sons and daughters of God, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For the leaders of nations, that they may respect the dignity of every person created in the image of God, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who feel far from God, that the Spirit of adoption may teach them to call God "Father," let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our parish community, that we may grow in the unity and love that come from the Trinity, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For all who have died marked with the sign of faith, that they may see God face to face, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Father, you sent your Son to save us and your Spirit to make us holy. Hear the prayers of your children, and keep us faithful to our baptism until we praise you for ever in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Set 2: Year C, "The Spirit of truth will guide you"

Priest: Jesus promised that the Spirit of truth would guide us into all truth. Let us pray to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

1. For the Pope, the bishops and all who teach the faith, that the Spirit of truth may guide their words, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For theologians, catechists and teachers, that they may help others to know and love the mystery of God, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For all creation, the work of God's wisdom, that we may care for it as good stewards, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who suffer, that through their afflictions they may grow in patience, hope and the love poured into their hearts by the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our families and friendships, that they may reflect the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

6. For our beloved dead, that they may share for ever in the life of the Trinity, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: God of truth and love, hear the prayers of your people. Guide us by your Spirit into all truth, and bring us to the glory of your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Set 3: Year A, "God so loved the world"

Priest: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Trusting in that love, let us pray.

1. For the Church, that she may show the world the merciful and gracious face of God, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For peace among nations and reconciliation in divided communities, that the God of love and peace may be with them, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who do not believe or who have lost their faith, that they may come to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For the sick, the lonely and the grieving, that they may know the grace of Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For all of us gathered here, that our lives may give glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For the faithful departed, that they may have eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Merciful and gracious God, you did not send your Son to condemn the world but to save it. Hear our prayers, and fill us with your life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Set 4: The family, image of the Trinity

Priest: The love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is the source of all love. Let us pray for families and for all who long for communion.

1. For the Church, the family of God, that she may be a home where everyone is welcomed, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For married couples, that their love may be faithful, fruitful and a reflection of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For families who are divided, struggling or grieving, that they may find healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who live alone, that they may find friendship and community, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our parish family, that we may live in unity and charity, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For our relatives and friends who have died, that they may rejoice in the communion of the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, you are perfect love. Hear our prayers, and make our families and our parish a living image of your communion. For ever and ever.
Amen.

Set 5: Children's Mass

Priest: Today we praise God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Let us ask God for what we need.

1. For the Pope and all priests, that they may teach everyone about God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For children who are being baptized, that they may grow up close to God, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For our families, that we may love one another as God loves us, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For children who are sad, sick or afraid, that they may feel God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For us, that every time we make the Sign of the Cross we may remember that God is with us, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For people who have died, that they may be happy with God for ever, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thank you for loving us. Help us to love you always. Amen.