

The Universal Prayer
The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday 4th January 2015

Celebrant: Led by the star, the wise men
 found and worshipped the Christ Child.
 Led by faith, we too have found the Christ,
 and in this Eucharist we worship him.

1. May the light of Christ
 purify the Church
 and bring forgiveness to all.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
 Grant this, almighty God.

2. May the light of Christ
 renew our world in
 lasting peace, especially in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan,
 Ukraine and South Sudan.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
 Grant this, almighty God.

3. May the light of Christ
 bring hope to the distressed,
 oppressed and lonely.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
 Grant this, almighty God..

4. May the light of Christ
 shine on the Holy Land
 and bring respect and cooperation.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
 Grant this, almighty God.

The Universal Prayer
Monday 5th January 2015
Monday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: St John has assured us that God does hear our pray
when we keep his commandments to believe and to
love.

1. May we embrace the commandments to believe in the Name of
God's son, Jesus, and to love one another as Jesus has told us.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. May all Christians rejoice that when they keep God's
commandments, God lives in us and we live in God.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. May the Holy Spirit guide us with the grace to discern
between true and false prophets.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. May those who live in the darkness of doubt or despair
be given the opportunity to know Jesus, true light of the world.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. May those who are suffering from illness or anxiety this day
find in Jesus the strength and courage to grow through their
situation.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly God,
you have sent us your Son as the Great Light of the
world. Help us to follow the Light
with faith for he is Lord for ever and ever.

The Universal Prayer
Tuesday 6th January 2015
Tuesday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: My friends,
St John constantly urged the first century Christians
to love one another. We pray that we may heed his
words in our time.

1. That the commandment to love one another
may be engraved on the heart of every Christian
and be reflected in their every action.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That we may appreciate that all love
has its source in the God of love.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That we may have a deep longing for that time
when all Christians may share in the one Eucharistic meal.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we who are blessed with so much
may be mindful of our responsibility
to share our daily bread with the hungry.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That Aid Agencies around the world
may effectively work to alleviate hunger
and restore to people their dignity and self respect.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That the discrimination and anger dividing the Holy Land
may come to an end so that peace is given a chance.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Eternal King,
look upon the poor of our world.
Hear their cry. Move the hearts of the rich
so that justice prevails everywhere.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer
Wednesday 7th January 2015
St Raymond of Penyafort
Wednesday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: Today, across the world,
many Catholics of our Eastern Traditions,
along with Orthodox Christians,
celebrate the Feast of Christmas.

1. May our Eastern Catholics and all Orthodox Christians
be filled with joy and peace
as they celebrate the birth of Christ this day.
Lord, hear us.
2. May we never tire of praying and working for
the unity of all Christians
according to the mind and will of Christ.
Lord, hear us.
3. May those who find that life is like a frightening storm
be of good courage,
so that there is in their hearts a peace which brings calm.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. May those who make their living on the seas as sailors, domestic
and tourist crews on ships, those working in the fishing industry and
military personnel, be kept safe.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. May the work of the Church, through the Apostleship of the Sea,
assisting the crews of visiting ships bring spiritual life, pastoral care
and social interaction to them.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. May the prayers of St Raymond of Penyafort assist Civil and
Church Lawyers to guide people with justice and compassion,
promoting the supreme commandment of love.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, we bow before your holy throne
and we worship you in this Eucharist.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer
Thursday 8th January 2015
Thursday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
if one hates, one cannot love;
if one loves, one cannot hate.

1. We pray for the people of the Holy Land:
may all be delivered from present danger.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for Christians:
may we all be totally committed to loving God
and the whole human race.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for our world:
that love, founded upon justice,
may bring peace to everyone.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those with hate in their hearts:
that God's Spirit may move their stubborn wills
and give them freedom to live in love.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who have been sent to proclaim the good news
in our time, that they may be filled with the Spirit of Jesus
and be protected from all harm.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for every place where people's lives are shattered through
war, violence, terrorism, religious persecution, slavery and poverty.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord our God,
judge our world with justice.
Treat us with mercy
so that we too can act justly.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer
Friday 9th January 2015
Friday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
Jesus' healing of the man with leprosy
shows us how to show respect to all people.

1. May we have a compassionate heart
so that we can treat every person with respect.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. May those with chronic illnesses or disease,
be given the gift of courage to carry their burden
with a spirit of patience and trust.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. May those who, through the violence of others,
endure life-long injuries, work through bitterness
and come to a peace which enables them to live
with freedom of spirit.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. May there be an end to the violence in Syria and Iraq, Nigeria and
Pakistan, so that people can live in peace, without fear or anxiety.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. May those who face hardships and doubts, know that the word of
Jesus will stand as a constant source of truth for them.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord our God, hear the cry of the people of Jerusalem
and the Holy Land and bring them that peace which
unites diverse people and enables them to live in
harmony. Through Christ our Lord.

The Universal Prayer
Saturday 10th January 2015
Saturday after the Epiphany

Celebrant: Dear friends,
St John urges us to be confident in our prayer.

1. That we may enjoy praying,
and be confident that God hears our every need.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That parents and grandparents, teachers and priests,
who teach children to pray
may do so joyfully and creatively.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That all who profess the name of Christian
may not have an inflated opinion about their own importance,
but rather be humble before Christ and lead people to him.
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That all who have been baptised in this church and parish
may follow Jesus Christ in all the circumstances of their lives.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That those in leadership in the Church may, like John the Baptist,
and be humble in their service to others.
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. We pray on this 68th anniversary of the first General Assembly of
the United Nations, that by working together, they may bring an
end to the violence in Syria and Iraq and the distress of hundreds of
thousands of displaced people.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father and King,
with all our being we praise you:
with song and dance, with voice and music,
with shouts and silence
for you are our God now and forever.