

R. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

1. Father, free us from our sins of prejudice and intolerance, forgive us our lack of courage; give us a new heart, put a new spirit in us, so that we may truly recognise you as our God, and live in harmony with one another as your people. **R.**
2. We pray for all those whose ministry gives them a special share in Christ's work of teaching, sanctifying and guiding his flock. **R.**
3. Father, keep all pastors in integrity of life and tenderness of heart, so that, walking humbly before you, they may draw all who believe in you into one flock, with Christ as its chief shepherd. **R.**
4. Father, you have revealed yourself to mankind throughout the ages; give to the Jewish people, whom you first called to be your own, and to Muslims, Hindus and people of other living faiths, the fullness of revelation that comes from knowing you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **R.**
5. We acknowledge that our sins and failings have created new obstacles between our fellow Christians and ourselves and left many older barriers untouched, and so we pray: **R.**
6. *Pause for those who wish to add an intercession*
7. Grant eternal rest to our beloved faithful departed. **R.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as Jesus taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father, hear our prayers which we offer you through your Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit; bring us and all humankind into your kingdom where with the same Son and Holy Spirit you live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

EVENING PRAYER - Tuesday

24 January: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

V. O God, come to our aid

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Alleluia.

HYMN: DAY IS DONE

Day is done, but Love unfailing
Dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,
Calms every fear.
Loving Father, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of Love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
Be always near!

Dark descends, but Light unending
Shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight;
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!



PSALMODY

Ant. 1: The Lord surrounds his people

The Lord, protector of his people

Peace to the Israel of God (Gal 6:16)

Psalm 124 (125)

Those who put their trust in the Lord †
are like Mount Sion, that cannot be shaken,*
that stands for ever.

Jerusalem! The mountains surround her, †
so the Lord surrounds his people*
both now and for ever.

For the sceptre of the wicked shall not rest*
over the land of the just

for féar that the hands of the júst*
should túrn to évil.

Do góod, Lord, to thóse who are góod,*
to the úpright of héart;
but the cróoked and thóse who do évil, †
dríve them awáy!*

On Ísrael, péace!

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.

Ant: The Lord surrounds his people.

Ant. 2: Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

O Lórd, my héart is not próud*
nor háughty my éyes.
I have not góne after thínigs too gréat*
nor márvels beyónd me.

Trúly I have sét my sóul*
in sílence and péace.
As a chíld has rést in its mother's árms,*
even só my sóul.

O Ísrael, hópe in the Lórd*
both nów and for éver.

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.

Ant: Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Ant. 3: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive glory and honour.

Hymn of the redeemed

Canticle: Rev 4:11; 5:9,10,12

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,*
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,*
and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord,*
to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, †
and by your blood you ransomed men for God*
from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,*
and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,*
to receive power and wealth,
and wisdom and might,*
and honour and glory and blessing.



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.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Jas 3:17-18

The wisdom which comes from above is marked chiefly indeed by its purity, but also by its peacefulness; it is courteous and ready to be convinced, always taking the better part; it carries mercy with it, and a harvest of all that is good; it is uncensorious and without affectation. Peace is the seed-ground of holiness, and those who make peace will win its harvest.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. This man became a teacher in the Church of God. **Repeat R.**

V. The Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. **R.**
Glory be. **R.**

Magnificat ant. O holy doctor, Saint Francis de Sales, light of the Church, lover of the law of God, pray for us to the Son of God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Recognising the union with other Christians which is ours through our common baptism we pray: