

Intercessory Prayers

Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany
/ Lectionary 3, Year A

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was
needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of
Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for
others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into

your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority (*local and national officials may be named*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick (*especially*). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters (*individuals or situations may be named*). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last

into the communion of all your saints in light.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our
prayers and answers us, we command all for
whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made
known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

Offering Prayer

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love
you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of
your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus
Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your
love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and
heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

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