

THE NEW
ANCIENT COLLECTS



Christmas
Sampler



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Ancient Collects

and Other Prayers

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from Various Rituals;

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to you the nations will make their prayer;
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer. [59]

p. 20.2c, Sarum

O Key of David
and Scepter of the house of Israel,
what you open no one can shut.
What you shut no one can open.
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. [60]

p. 20.2d, Sarum

O Morning Star,
splendor of light eternal
and Sun of righteousness;
Come and enlighten
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. [61]

p. 20.2e, Sarum

O King of the nations,
and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one;
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay. [62]

p. 20.2f, Sarum

O Emmanuel,
our King and our Lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Savior;
Come and save us, O Lord our God. [63]

p. 20.2g, Sarum

CHRISTMAS

O God,
you gladden us
with the yearly anticipation of our redemption.
Grant that we who now joyfully receive
your only Son as our Redeemer
may also see him without fear
when he comes as our judge;
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns,
one God, now and forever. [64]

p. 21.1, Gelasian, Christmas Day I

O merciful God,
grant that our minds may be prepared
for the reception of the wonder
of your Son's nativity,
and the hearts of unbelievers be subdued;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [65]

p. 21.2, Gelasian

O God,
you have made this holy night shine
with the brightness of the true Light.
Grant that we who have known
the mysteries of that Light here on earth
may come to the fullness
of his joys in heaven;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [66]

p. 22.1, Gelasian

(The above Collects may be said on Christmas Eve.)

Merciful God,
grant that he who was born this day
to be the Savior of the world,
since he is the Author of our divine birth,
may also bestow on us immortality;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [67]

p. 22.2, Leonine

Almighty and eternal God,
you willed that the beginning and end of all religion
should depend on the nativity
of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
May we also be counted as members of his body,
on whom is built the whole salvation of humanity;
with you and the Holy Spirit
he lives and reigns,
one God, now and forever. [68]

p. 22.3, Leonine

O Lord,
bestow on your servants
the increase of faith, hope, and love,
that as we glory in the nativity of your Son, our Lord,
we may, by your governance,
not feel the adversities of this world,
and that what we desire to celebrate in time,
we may also enjoy to all eternity;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [69]

p. 22.4, Leonine

O God,
you were pleased to save the human race
which was mortally wounded by the fall of Adam,
by the nativity of your Christ.
Grant that we may not follow our ancestor in sin,
but be transferred to the fellowship of our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. [70]

p. 23.1, Leonine

O Lord our God,
grant that we who rejoice to keep the feast
of the nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord
may walk with him
and receive fellowship with him;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [71]

p. 23.2, Leonine

O Lord,
strengthen the faith of your people,
that as we confess the birth
of your glorious and eternal Son in human flesh,
born of his virgin mother,
we may be delivered from all earthly troubles,
and receive your eternal joys;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [72]

p. 23.3, Leonine. Bright comments that this and the following prayer
emphasize Christ as one person but with two natures, rejecting
ancient Nestorian and Eutychian heresies

O Lord our God,
grant that your Church may understand
both parts of the one mystery,
and adore one Christ,
true God and fully human,
not divided from our nature
nor separate from your essence;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [73]

p. 23.4, Leonine

Almighty God,
grant that the new birth
of your only Son in the flesh
may set us free
from the old bondage
under the yoke of sin;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [74]

O our God,
grant that your family,
which has been saved
by the nativity of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
may also find our rest in him,
our eternal Redeemer;
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. [75]

p. 24.2, Gelasian

Almighty and eternal God,
by your only Son
you have made us your new creation.
Preserve the works of your mercy,
and cleanse us from all our ancient stains,
that by your grace
we may become like him
who dwells with you, still fully human;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [76]

p. 24.3, Gelasian

O Lord,
hear our prayers,
and let your people
whom you have made and restored,
also be saved by your unending work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. [77]

p. 24.4, Gelasian

Almighty God,
as the new light of your incarnate Word
enlightens our minds by faith,
may it also shine forth in our actions;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [78]

p. 25.1, Gregorian

Almighty God,
with a wondrous, new and heavenly light,
our Savior went forth to redeem the world.
May his salvation also shine forth
in the renewal of our hearts;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. [79]

p. 25.2, Gregorian