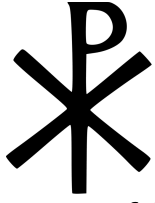


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Litany of the Advent

[H01]

Lord, **have mercy.**
Christ, **have mercy.**
Lord, **have mercy.**

God the Father, giver of the promise, **have mercy.**
God the Son, promised Redeemer, **have mercy.**
God the Holy Spirit, mover of the prophets, **have mercy.**

Eternal God, transcendent and holy, **have mercy on us.**
Gracious God, coming to us and calling us, **have mercy on us.**

Father,
Adam and Eve's Creator,
Abraham's shield and great reward,
Jacob's birthright,
Israel's deliverer,
David's shepherd,
Holy One of Israel, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus,
seed of the woman,
crusher of Satan's head,
Abraham's blessing on the nations,
Israel's rock and flowing stream,
Son of David,
Immanuel, God with us, **have mercy on us.**

Spirit,
moving over the waters of creation,
speaking by the prophets,
moving hearts to repentance,
opening hearts to good news,
moving nations and peoples,
bringing all things to fulfillment by your power, **have mercy on us.**

Lift up our heads, Lord Almighty. **Cleanse our hearts, King of glory.**
Lift up our heads, Lord Almighty. **Enter our hearts, King of glory.**

Lord of the Nations, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Coming King, you take away the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Promised Savior, you take away the sin of the world, **grant us peace.**

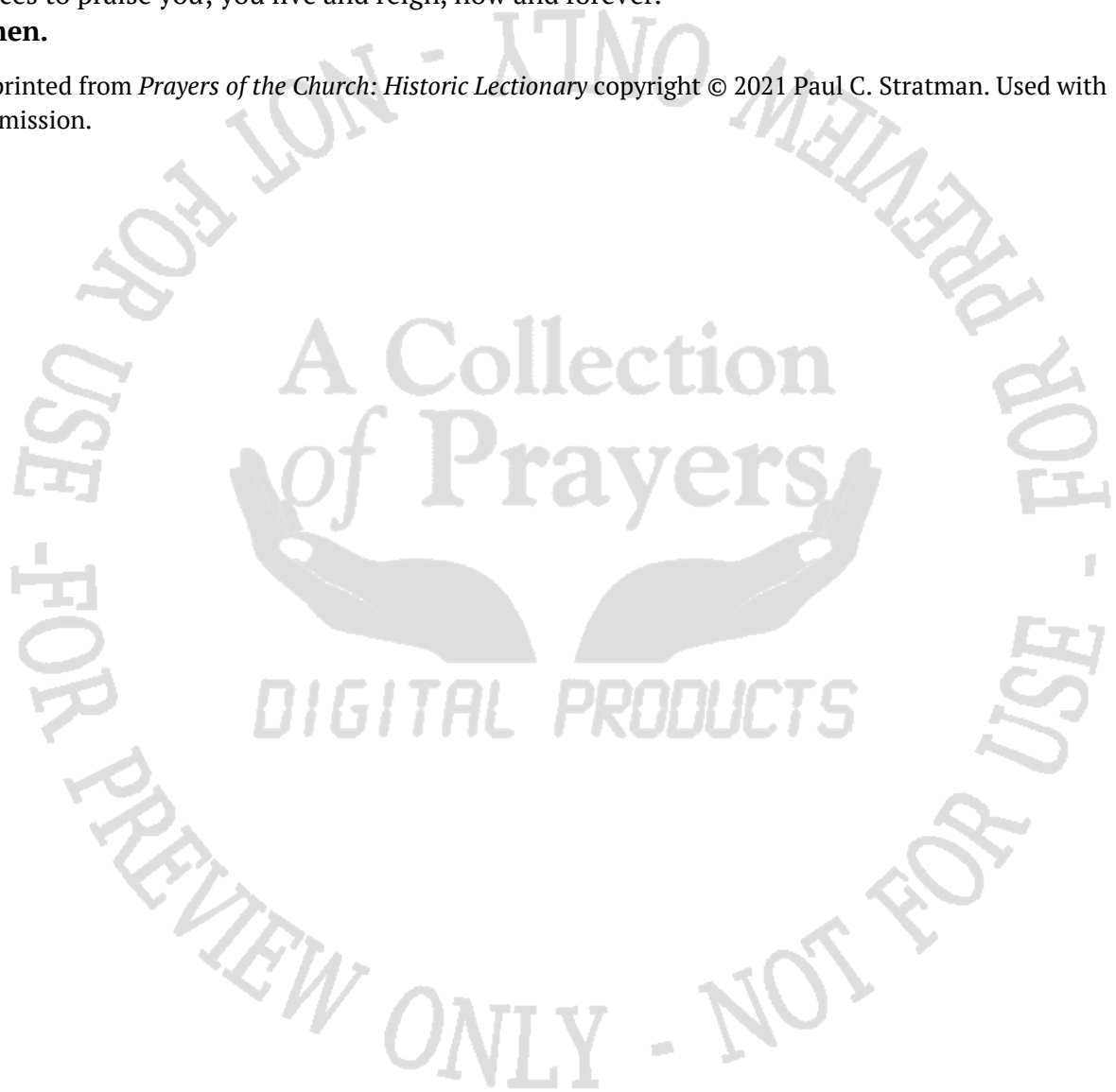
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Make straight paths for him.

Stir up our hearts, Lord Jesus Christ, that we lift up our heads in expectation of your appearing, that we prepare our hearts to receive you, that we turn our hearts to serve you and lift our voices to praise you; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

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First Sunday in Advent
Ad Te Levavi

[H02]

Jesus Christ, Righteous Branch of David, come to us and reign in our hearts.

To you, Lord our God, we lift up our souls. **We trust in you. Show us your ways.**

Awaken us by your Holy Spirit. Release our feet from the devil's snares and clothe us with your righteousness.

To you, Lord our God, we lift up our souls. **We trust in you. Show us your ways.**

Forgive us our sins. Instruct us to follow your ways. Deliver us from all our enemies.

To you, Lord our God, we lift up our souls. **We trust in you. Show us your ways.**

Relieve those who are troubled in heart and free them from their anguish. [*We pray especially for...*] Guard their lives and rescue them, for they take refuge in you.

To you, Lord our God, we lift up our souls. **We trust in you. Show us your ways.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Hosanna! Save us now, Jesus, Son of David. As you once came to your people clothed in human flesh, you come also to us clothed in your holy Word. Remember us. Be present with us day by day, and make us ready for your day of salvation; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

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Notes:

Response is adapted from Psalm 25:1, 4.