

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ,

this Christmas Eve Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

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Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

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But first, because this of all things would rejoice
Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of
the whole world, and all his people;
for peace upon the earth he came to save;
for love and unity within the one Church he did
build;
for goodwill among all peoples.

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And particularly at this time let us remember
the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed;
the sick and them that mourn;
the lonely and the unloved;
the aged and the little children;
and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who
love him not, or who by sin have grieved his
heart of love.

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Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father who
art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,**



**thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it
is in heaven.**

**Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us
our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**