

**CHRISTMAS EVE – ADVENT IV**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**LOW MASS PRAYERS**

**12 SUNDAYS HONORING OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL (WEEK 7)**

*Antiphon:* Happy art Thou, O Holy Virgin Mary, and worthy of all praise, for from Thee is risen the Sun of Justice, Christ Our God, the Angel of Great Counsel.

*V.* Pray for us Our Mother of Good Counsel.

*R.* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Priest:* O God, by whose gift she who bore thy dear Son is our Mother too, and who wast pleased to make a beautiful picture of her famous for its miraculous appearance, we pray thee grant that by following her counsel always we may be enabled to live as thou wouldst have us live, and happily to reach our heavenly home: through the same.

*R.* Amen.

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA, DAY VIII**

*Priest:* Let us enter into the spirit of the Church, and prepare ourselves in all the joy of our hearts to meet the Savior Who is about to be born to us. Let us dispose our hearts with great simplicity, for tomorrow we see the glory of God. Let delight in the thought that before we lie down again to rest, we shall see the promised Redeemer born in the solemn midnight: “Sanctify yourselves today, and be prepared, because in the morning you shall see the majesty of God among you.”

*Antiphon: Priest & People:* O Thou / whose dominion is great, / and whose kingdom shall have no end; / the mighty God, the governor, the Prince of Peace: / Come show Thy face, and we shall be saved.

*V.* Tomorrow the iniquity of the earth shall be done away.

*R.* And over us shall reign the Savior of the world.

**NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

*Priest & People:* HAIL AND BLESSED / be the hour and moment, / in which the Son of God was born / of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, / at midnight in Bethlehem, / in piercing cold. / At that hour, vouchsafe O my God, / to hear my prayer and grant my desires / through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ / and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

*Priest & People:* ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, / defend us in battle; / be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. / May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, / and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, / by the power of God, / cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, / who wander about the world, / seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick. **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Our Mother of Consolation. **R. Pray for us.**

V. Immaculate Heart of Mary,

**R. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V. Pure Heart of St. Joseph, **R. Pray for us.**

V. May the Divine assistance remain always with us.

**R. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN:

#### O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of Nations, bind,  
In one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid every sad division cease,  
And be Thyself our Prince of Peace.

