

ADVENT IV
DECEMBER 22, 2024
LOW MASS

12 SUNDAYS OF OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL: WEEK 7
CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAY VI

Antiphon: (Priest and People) O King of Nations, and their desired One, and the cornerstone that makes both one; come and save man whom thou didst form out of the slime of the earth.

V. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One.

R. Let the earth be opened, and bud forth the Savior.

Priest: Let us pray. O King of nations! Thou art approaching still nigher to Bethlehem, where Thou art to be born. O Thou Desired of nations! Thou longest for that happy birth, which is to give to the earth its Savior, and to men that cornerstone which will unite them all into one family. Dearest King! be Thou blessed for all these wonders of Thy power and goodness! as creatures that have been formed by Thy divine hands. Yea, come, for Thy creation has grown degenerate; it is lost; death has taken possession of it: take Thou it again into Thy almighty hands, and give it a new creation: save it; for Thou hast not ceased to take pleasure in and love Thine own work. Who livest and reignest world without end.

R. Amen.

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 petitions / through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ / and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

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

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

Priest: O most holy and glorious Virgin Mary, mother of the Savior—that Angel of the Great Counsel—spouse and temple of the Holy Ghost—Spirit of Counsel—justly art thou named Mother of Good Counsel. I am permitted to invoke thee under this sweet title, and I do it with so much the greater happiness that in this devoted picture I behold a pledge of thy willingness to be counselor in the affair of my eternal salvation. Let thy counsel be a

ray of light to illumine the darkness of my understanding, and thus rescue me from that miserable state in which so many souls wander, blindly indifferent to the duty of Christians.

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.

