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Days of the Week

SUNDAY

SUNDAY MORNING

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank you for the gift of joy as we begin this new day and welcome the beginning of a new week filled with promise. Fill us with hope, and be with us in our joys and in our challenges. Strengthen us to serve you and to bring the good news of your salvation to everyone we meet. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lord God, be with us on this Sunday afternoon, halfway through the holiest day of the week. May the remainder of our day feature rest and peace, and may we seek to do your will both in the rest of today and in the week ahead. Bless the parishioners of this

community as we give thanks for the eucharistic sacrifice offered by your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING

Dear Lord, as this day dedicated to celebrating your Resurrection draws to a close, we give you thanks for all that you have given us. Please strengthen us to face the week ahead, and make us eager to meditate on your goodness as we proclaim it to a world longing for your abiding love. May we always strive to do your will as we endeavor to make you known, loved, and served. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Heavenly Father, grant us restful slumber and peace of heart and mind as we prepare for the week ahead. Help us to remain focused on you during this week. Help us to remain joyful and zealous when it comes to seeking opportunities to follow your holy will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

MONDAY

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Lord God, as the workweek begins, we dedicate this time to you. Help us to order our priorities around your will so that we can form our decisions around what is fitting for the kingdom of God. Help us to be of one accord with our peers so that we

can work together and collaborate in the best interest of our mission. Lead us to strive for peace and goodwill throughout this week. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Heavenly Father, guide us to do your will in the midst of all that we face. May we seek multiple opportunities to bring the Good News of your Son Jesus Christ into the world, endeavoring to draw others to regard him as the main priority in life. Thank you for the many blessings that you have given us so far this week, whether or not we have realized it. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING

Lord Jesus Christ, as the first day of the workweek draws to a close, please give us the strength and fervor to persevere in our responsibilities. Help us to prioritize the sacramental life, centered on the Mass, throughout this week. Please draw us to appreciate and celebrate family life, spending time with our loved ones. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

MONDAY NIGHT

Dear Lord, on this first night of the workweek, lead us to find rest in you, recalling that you are the only source of the true joy that we are all seeking. Inspire us to reflect on today's successes so that we can continue to look for creative ways to bring you glory and honor. Grant us a good night's sleep so that tomorrow

will be yet another opportunity to serve you and do your will. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

TUESDAY

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Heavenly Father, please be with us as we make our way through this week. In the highs and the lows that we encounter, let us praise you for the many gifts you have given us. Throughout today, help us to labor collaboratively with our fellow workers in the vineyard. Draw us ever closer to doing your will this day so that we can give you greater glory in all that we do. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Heavenly Father, as we approach the midpoint of this week, help us remain productive in our duties. More importantly, please allow us to reflect on how we can use our remaining time this week to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to serve, glorify, honor, and adore you. We ask this in the holy name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING

Heavenly Father, as this day winds down, please be with us. Watch over us in the midst of the many other tasks that remain for us to complete this week. Let us be sure to look at your will

intently as we go about them. We ask this in the holy name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Lord Jesus Christ, as this day closes, let us reflect on the many moments from today for which we can be grateful, even in the midst of seeming trials. Be with us as we conclude the first part of the week and look forward to what awaits us in the middle part. Grant us restful sleep so that we can serve you with a renewed and refreshed perspective. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

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Lord, we give thanks that we are halfway through the week. May our hearts be glad with all the good we have done this week and remain eager to serve you and your kingdom ever more fully through the rest of this week. We thank you for all that you have given us and ask that you shower us with the gift of heartfelt gratitude. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Lord God, at the midpoint of the week, we give you thanks for the many chances that we will have this week to magnify your kingdom. Send forth the Holy Spirit to inspire us, especially if we are facing weariness, illness, busy schedules, or other trials.

We ask you to make us ever open to the good works that you would like to do in our lives. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lord God, here in the middle portion of the week, we thank you for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. We likewise ask you to be with us, to strengthen us to face the many other tasks that remain to be completed. Help us look forward in joyful trust to what the rest of the week will bring, and help us to look at every day as a unique opportunity to be of service to you. We ask this in Christ's holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Lord God, here in the middle of the week, we give you thanks for bringing us to the conclusion of another day. As we look ahead, please give us strength to accomplish all that we have to do, ensuring that we are working for your kingdom and not for fleeting temporal concerns. Grant us peaceful rest. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY

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Almighty Father, be with us today. Help us to reflect on and learn from what has occurred earlier this week, and guide us to look for ever more creative and efficient ways of serving you,

in the ultimate interest of the kingdom of God. We ask this in the precious name of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Lord God, as the week begins to wind down, help us focus on what we have set out to accomplish. Although we may feel inundated with responsibilities, we must remain focused on you as the source of our joy, comfort, and peace. May we look forward to the restful time with loved ones that will hopefully come this weekend. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING

Lord Jesus Christ, it was on a Thursday evening that you sat down at the Last Supper with your disciples, instituting the Sacraments of Holy Orders and the Eucharist. Let us always remain grateful for the priests in our lives—holy men at your sacramental service. And let us never take for granted the divine gift that is the Eucharist: your Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We make this prayer in your sacred name. Amen.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Lord Jesus Christ, it was on a Thursday night that you entered into the misery of your Passion, after you were betrayed for mere money and arrested. As this day concludes, be with us as we strive to make sure that our goal is never human success, which fades away, but rather the glory of your kingdom. Please grant us rest as we open our hearts and minds to your sacrificial love for us. We pray in deepest gratitude. Amen.

FRIDAY

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Dear Lord, as the workweek draws to a close, teach us to embrace your presence among us. Give us cheerful hearts and sufficient energy, not for the sake of productivity alone, but so that we can devote this day to serving you in many different ways. Teach us to learn from the many blessings you have granted us this week. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Lord Jesus Christ, we pause to recall your Passion and Death every Friday afternoon. Please help us to honor your sacrifice by looking for opportunities to serve one another and all whom we encounter. In gratitude for your profound act of self-emptying sacrifice, may we strive to glorify you throughout the rest of this day and the weekend ahead. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING

Precious Lord Jesus Christ, we it was on a Friday evening that your body was placed in a cold, dark tomb after it was taken down from the Cross. At the time, your followers did not know the Resurrection was to follow. Receive into paradise the souls of all the faithful who have died. May they participate fully in the glory of heaven as we, with them, wait in joyful hope for

the coming of your kingdom. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Lord Jesus Christ, your followers were probably terrified on the night of Good Friday, as they had just seen your brutal mistreatment and death at the hands of sinful men and knew that they were also now targets. May we never lose faith in you, and give us the fortitude and courage necessary to bring you into the world, during the coming weekend and beyond. We make this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

FOR A RESTFUL WEEKEND

Dear Lord, sometimes the week can be very challenging and busy. Provide us with a weekend that is both restful and refreshing so that we may recuperate and use our renewed energy to better serve you. May this weekend, especially Mass on Sunday, serve as an opportunity to reorient our focus back to you and your divine will. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE TRAVELING THIS WEEKEND

Heavenly Father, watch over those who are traveling out of the area this weekend. Grant them safety, peace, and comfort as they make their way to their destination. No matter the cause of their travel, may they know of the prayers of this parish community, and upon their return, may they be welcomed with open arms. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SATURDAY

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Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us to this new day. During this weekend, please help us to look for opportunities to serve you and to gain rest in order to make us more effective in our various ministries. To all who will serve our parish community this weekend, give joyful spirits and clear minds. May we welcome all who gather here to worship you and for fellowship. May each of us use our time this weekend for your greater glory. Amen.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Lord God, a Saturday afternoon can be one of the most restful and relaxing times of the week for many of your people. We pray for their renewal in your love. Look upon all of us with loving care as we embrace your wondrous love and graciously accept your many blessings. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING

Heavenly Father, as the week draws to a close, we ask you to be with us. Especially for those of us who are spending time with family, friends, and other loved ones, allow this to be a time of fellowship in the interest of the ministerial opportunities that abound. Please give us graceful rest. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for your multiple gifts. Let us never attempt to worship you with anything other than a full, grateful heart. May we value the remainder of this weekend, ideally as an opportunity to be with family and friends. Let us look forward to the Easter joy that each Sunday promises, and move with hope into the coming week. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

2.

Seasons and Movable Feasts

The Natural Seasons

WINTER

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE QUIET OF WINTER

We give thanks to you, Father in heaven, for the gift of quiet and solitude during the winter season. As earth rests and awaits the newness of spring may we find renewed peace of mind and heart. May we listen to you and open ourselves to your holy will in our lives. No matter where we find ourselves during this winter season, may this unique time of year draw us closer to you and the work of your kingdom. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

FOR THOSE BATTLING ILLNESS DURING THE WINTER

Healing Lord, be with those who are battling some sort of illness this winter, whether a relatively minor sickness or a more prolonged and chronic condition. May they know healing of mind, body, and ultimately spirit, especially if they are facing hopelessness and despair. May they recover their strength to be able to serve you more fully. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

FOR THOSE DRIVING IN ICE AND SNOW

Dear Lord, guard and protect those who are traveling in icy or snowy conditions. Place your guiding hand over them as they travel so that they may arrive safely. Inspire them to exercise prudence and to recognize the limitations of their driving abilities. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

FOR ROAD CREWS

Heavenly Father, watch over, protect, and guide the road crews who are operating in often challenging conditions during the winter months. Lead them to safe paths and provide them with the courage to make the roadways that they traverse safer for other travelers. Let us give thanks for the role that they play in safeguarding our passage. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN THE COLD

Merciful Father, we pray that you may watch over all those who are living in cold conditions, especially those who are homeless

or without adequate heat. May they find warmth. May those who are able to provide shelter do so, knowing they are offering shelter to Christ himself. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

FOR SAFETY DURING A WINTER STORM

Lord God, we implore you to keep us safe during the winter storm now threatening our area. Please watch over and protect our families, friends, and neighbors so that we can continue to glorify your holy will. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, who shepherds our souls to security by inviting us to accept his wonderful gift of salvation. Amen.

SPRING

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE HOPE OF SPRING

Lord God of hopefulness, the spring is a rewarding time of year during which we give thanks for life, newness, and reconciliation. Guide us to remain grateful for the promises that you have given us, and draw us to use this season to more effectively magnify your holy and righteous kingdom. We ask this through the Lord of Life. Amen.

IN GRATITUDE FOR CLEARER WEATHER

Dear Lord, we thank you for the clearer weather that we are experiencing with the springtime. May we look at the new life that comes forth in nature as an opportunity to glory in your