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SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY PRAYERS

For Sundays in Ordinary Time the concluding prayer in all hours of the seasonal Office corresponds to the number of the Sunday.

For weekdays the concluding prayer of the Office of Readings is the prayer of the preceding Sunday or any prayer from the following series:

1

Father of love,
hear our prayers.

Help us to know your will
and to do it with courage and faith.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

2

Father of heaven and earth,
hear our prayers,
and show us the way to peace in the world.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Alternative Prayer

Almighty and ever-present Father,
your watchful care reaches from end to end
and orders all things in such power
that even the tensions and the tragedies of sin
cannot frustrate your loving plans.

Help us to embrace your will,
give us the strength to follow your call,
so that your truth may live in our hearts

and reflect peace to those who believe in your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

3

All-powerful and ever-living God,
direct your love that is within us,
that our efforts in the name of your Son
may bring mankind to unity and peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Alternative Prayer

Almighty Father,
the love you offer
always exceeds the furthest expression of our human
longing,
for you are greater than the human heart.
Direct each thought, each effort of our life,
so that the limits of our faults and weaknesses
may not obscure the vision of your glory
or keep us from the peace you have promised.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

4

Lord our God,
help us to love you with all our hearts
and to love all men as you love them.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Alternative Prayer

Father in heaven,
from the days of Abraham and Moses

until this gathering of your Church in prayer,
 you have formed a people in the image of your Son.
 Bless this people with the gift of your kingdom.
 May we serve you with our every desire
 and show love for one another
 even as you have loved us.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord.

5

Father,
 watch over your family
 and keep us safe in your care,
 for all our hope is in you.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Alternative Prayer

In faith and love we ask you, Father,
 to watch over your family gathered here.
 In your mercy and loving kindness
 no thought of ours is left unguarded,
 no tear unheeded, no joy unnoticed.
 Through the prayer of Jesus
 may the blessings promised to the poor in spirit
 lead us to the treasures of your heavenly kingdom.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

6

God our Father,
 you have promised to remain for ever
 with those who do what is just and right.
 Help us to live in your presence.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,