

# CHRIST HOUSE

## *Advent Readings*

NOVEMBER 24 – 30, 2019

### SUNDAY AND MONDAY

PASSAGE: Isaiah 9:1-7

PRAYER: Lord, thou hast given us thy Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ JEROME (AD 342-420)

PRAYER: The radiance of the Father's splendor, the Father's visible image, Jesus Christ our God, peerless among counselors, Prince of Peace, Father of the world to come, the model after which Adam was formed, for our sakes became like a slave: in the womb of Mary the virgin, without assistance from any man, you took on flesh... we celebrate you today.

Enable us, Lord, to reach the end of this season in peace, forsaking all idle words, acting virtuously, shunning evil passions, and raising our hearts above the things of this world.

Bless your church, which you brought into being long ago and attached to yourself through your own life-giving blood. Help all pastors, heads of churches, and theologians.

Bless your servants, whose trust is all in you; bless all Christian souls, the sick, those tormented by evil spirits, and those who have asked us to pray for them.

*(Take a brief pause here. Remember in your mind those who have asked you to pray for them.)*

Show yourself as merciful as you are rich in grace; save and preserve us; enable us to obtain those good things to come which will never know an end.

May we celebrate your glorious birth, and the Father who sent you to redeem us, and your Spirit, the Giver of life, now and forever, age after age. Amen.

~ ADAPTED FROM A SYRIAC CHRISTMAS LITURGY - LATE

THIRD OR EARLY FOURTH CENTURY

### TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

PASSAGE: Psalm 82

PRAYER: Almighty God, grant that we who are bathed in the new light of your incarnate Word may reflect the faith that shines in our hearts in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~ HISTORIC COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY (CHRISTMAS II),  
GREGORIAN, 10TH CENTURY.

### THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 4:1-8

PRAYER: Almighty God, grant that the new birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old slavery under sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~ HISTORIC COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY (CHRISTMAS III),  
GELASIAN, 8TH CENTURY.

### SATURDAY

PASSAGE: Proverbs 2:1-15

PRAYER: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that we might be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. What we do not know, reveal to us; what is lacking within us, make complete; what we do know, confirm in us; and keep us blameless in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ CLEMENT OF ROME (AD 90)