



CHRIST HOUSE

Advent Readings

DECEMBER 1-7, 2019

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

PASSAGE: Col. 2:1-15

PRAYER: O Lord my God, I believe in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Give me the strength to seek you, for you help me to find you and you have more and more given me the hope of finding you. Here I am before you with my firmness and my infirmity. Preserve the first and heal the second. Here I am before you with my strength and my ignorance. Where you have opened the door to me, welcome me at the entrance; where you have closed the door to me, open to my cry; enable me to remember you, to understand you, and to love you. Amen.

~ AUGUSTINE (AD 354-430)

PRAYER: We ask you, Master, be our helper and defender. Rescue those of our number in distress; raise up the fallen; assist the needy; heal the sick; turn back those of your people who stray; feed the hungry; release our captives; revive the weak; encourage those who lose heart. Let all the nations realize that you are the only God, that Jesus Christ is your Son, and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. Amen.

~ 1 CLEMENT (C. AD 96)

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

PASSAGE: 1 Cor. 1:20-25

PRAYER: O God, Who are the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love, the fountain of blessings, and the bestower of affection, Who sends peace to those that receive it; open to us this day the sea of Your love, and water us with the plenteous streams from the riches of Your grace. Make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Kindle in us the fire of Your love; sow in us Your fear; strengthen our weakness by Your power; bind us closely to You and to each other in one firm bond of unity; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ SYRIAN CLEMENTINE LITURGY

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

PASSAGE: Galatians 3:1-9

PRAYER: Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ LEONINE SACRAMENTARY

SATURDAY

PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 2

PRAYER: Steer the ship of my life, good Lord, to your quiet harbour, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take. Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go. And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger in your name we shall find comfort and peace.

~ BASIL OF CAESAREA (AD 329-379)