

JUST FOR TODAY

LORD, for to-morrow and its needs,
I do not pray;
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin
Just for to-day.
Let me both diligently work,
And duly pray.
Let me be kind in word and deed,
Just for to-day.
Let me be slow to do my will,
Prompt to obey;
Help me to sacrifice myself
Just for to-day.
And if to-day my tide of life
Should ebb away,
Give me thy Sacraments divine,
Sweet Lord, to-day.
So for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray,
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord,
Just for to-day.

MID-DAY PRAYERS

In many churches the bell is rung morning, noon and evening in memory of the Incarnation of God, and the faithful say the following prayers.

The Angelus

THE Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

HAIL Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

BEHOLD the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

HAIL, Mary.

AND the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.

HAIL, Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion ☩ we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

But from Easter-Day to the Saturday after Pentecost, inclusive, the following is said instead of the above:

Regina Coeli

O QUEEN of heaven, be joyful, alleluia
Because he whom so meetly thou
barest, alleluia,

Hath arisen, as he promised, alleluia:
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary
alleluia.

R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. ✠ Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.