

Responsorial Psalms
(Lectionary for Mass, no. 803)

167. Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22

R. (5b) **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love. R.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name. R.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD. R.

168. Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (2a) **I will bless the Lord at all times.**

or:

R. (9a) **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look toward him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. R.

169. Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a

R. (8a) **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

or:

R. (cf. 17) **The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. R.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD'S compassion is on those who fear him. R.

But the mercy of the LORD is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear,
upon children's children his righteousness,
for those who keep his covenant. R.

170. Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, 9

R. (cf. 1) **Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Blessed the man who fears the LORD,
who takes great delight in his commandments.
His descendants shall be powerful on earth;
the generation of the upright will be blest. R.

Riches and wealth are in his house;
his righteousness stands firm forever.
A light rises in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful and righteous. R.

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.
He will never be moved;
forever shall the righteous be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news. R.

With a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

he will see the downfall of his foes. R.

Openhanded, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory. R.

* 171. Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5ac and 6a

R. (cf. 1) **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

or:

R. (4) **See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.**

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labor of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children. R.

172. Psalm 145:8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18

R. (9a) **How good is the Lord to all.**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season. R.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,

who call on him in truth. R.

173. Psalm 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13ab, 13c-14a

R. (13a) **Let all praise the name of the Lord.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts. R.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens,
and the waters above the heavens. R.

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
beasts, both wild and tame,
creeping things and birds on the wing. R.

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all judges of the earth,
young men and maidens as well,
the old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted. R.

His splendor above heaven and earth.
He exalts the strength of his people. R.

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EXAMPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

216. Dear brothers and sisters,
as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity
by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate
the love of our sister N. and our brother N.,
let us commend them to the Lord.

That these faithful Christians, N. and N.,
newly joined in Holy Matrimony,
may always enjoy health and well-being,
let us pray to the Lord.

R̄. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Or another appropriate response of the people.

That he will bless their covenant
as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee,
let us pray to the Lord. R̄.

That they be granted perfect and fruitful love,
peace and strength,
and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian,
let us pray to the Lord. R̄.

That the Christian people
may grow in virtue day by day
and that all who are burdened by any need
may receive the help of grace from above,
let us pray to the Lord. R̄.

That the grace of the Sacrament
will be renewed by the Holy Spirit
in all married persons here present,
let us pray to the Lord. R̄.

Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord,
the Spirit of your love,
to make them one heart and one soul,
so that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined
and no harm come to those you have filled
with your blessing.
Through Christ our Lord.

R⁷. Amen.

217. Dear brothers and sisters,
let us accompany this new family with our prayers,
that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily
and that God in his kindness
will sustain all families throughout the world.
For this bride and groom,
and for their well-being as a family,
let us pray to the Lord.

R⁷. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Or another appropriate response of the people.

For their relatives and friends,
and for all who have assisted this couple,
let us pray to the Lord. R⁷.

For young people preparing to enter Marriage,
and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life,
let us pray to the Lord. R⁷.

For all families throughout the world
and for lasting peace among all people,
let us pray to the Lord. R⁷.

For all members of our families
who have passed from this world,
and for all the departed,
let us pray to the Lord. R⁷.

For the Church, the holy People of God,
and for unity among all Christians,
let us pray to the Lord. R⁷.

Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst,
as N. and N. seal their union
accept our prayer
and fill us with your Spirit.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R7. Amen.

