

Collects

(sung after the Vespers Responsory)

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us: and with great might succour us; that whereas through our sins we are sore let and hindered, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us: who livest and reignest with God the Father...

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare the way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility: that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

Defend us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Gregory the Great, (of blessed *Lazarus.*) and of all thy saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety: that all adversity and error being done away, thy Church may serve thee in untroubled freedom. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.