

Devotional

O Come Emmanuel

Week of December 20, 2020

The practice of various Christians down through the centuries has been to sing, reflect, and meditate on the *O Antiphons*. I have never done it before, but will this year, and I invite you to do so, as well.

This can be a hectic week. Find some time each day to meditate on a name of Christ as prophesied by Isaiah and pray to God With Us – Emmanuel.

O Wisdom

Isaiah 11:2-3, 28:29

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai (O Lord)

Isaiah 11:4-5, 33:22

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

O Root of Jesse

Isaiah 11:1, 10

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

O Key of David

Isaiah 22:22, 9:7, 42:7

O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Morning Star

Isaiah 9:2

O Morning Star,
splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O King of Nations

Isaiah 9:6, 2:4, 64:8

O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.

O Emmanuel (O God With Us)

Isaiah 7:14

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Savior:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Prayers and blessings for a Merry Christmas!