



## ADORATION – CHRIST THE KING FEAST

**Introduction:** On this solemnity of Christ the Universal King, we have come before our Lord and King in awe and adoration, lifting up our hearts in praise to the one who reign with majesty and authority over all creation. We honour Christ as the sovereign Lord of our lives, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. In Jesus, all things hold together, and by His hand, the heavens and the earth were formed. We bow before His throne, acknowledging that every breath we take, every blessing we receive, and every moment we live is sustained by His grace.

*Pause for silent moments of personal adoration*

**Hymn:** Christ Our Lord Is King.....or any hymn of praise and worship/adoration

### **Prayer of Adoration:**

Lord Jesus, You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
seated high above every power, ruler, and authority.  
No kingdom stands above yours,  
and no earthly power compares to your eternal glory.  
Your rule is perfect, your justice unwavering, and your mercy boundless.  
In Your kingdom, we find refuge, and under your reign, we find peace.

Lord Jesus, You wore a crown of thorns for us,  
and poured out Your blood so that we might be reconciled to the Father.  
We praise you for the victory over sin and death that you won for us.  
We are yours, ransomed by your love, sealed by Your Spirit, and sustained by Your Word.  
Christ, our King, we surrender ourselves to you.

Let our lives be a reflection of your goodness, a testament to your love,  
and a witness to Your glory our Lord, and our Shepherd.  
May your will be done in us as it is in heaven.  
Rule in our hearts, guide our thoughts, and lead our steps as we follow you.  
All honour, all glory, and all praise belong to you, now and forever. Amen.

*Pause for silent moments of personal adoration*

**Leader:** Jesus said: My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. Today let us eagerly wait for the Lord to speak. Let us ask for the grace to attentively listen him and to be able to understand him; we want to put into practice what he will tell us. We ask the Spirit of Jesus to open our minds and hearts.

**Hymn:** A hymn to the Holy Spirit

**Reading:** Lk 23: 35-43



*Short pause for personal reflection...*

We shall let ourselves be helped by our Holy Father Pope Francis, to understand the Kingship of Jesus...**The Pope says:** *"The Christ of God, the elect, the King appears powerless and without glory: he is on the cross, where he looks more like a victim than a victor. His royalty is paradoxical: his throne is the cross; his crown is of thorns; he does not have a sceptre, but a reed is placed in his hand; he does not wear dazzling clothes, but he is deprived of his tunic; he has no shiny rings on his fingers, but his hands pierced with nails; he does not have a treasure, but he is sold for thirty coins"*.

*"Truly the kingdom of Jesus is not of this world; the greatness of his kingdom is not the power according to the world, but the love of God, a love capable of reaching and healing everything. For this love Christ lowered himself to us, he inhabited our human misery, he experienced our lowest condition: injustice, betrayal, abandonment; he experienced death, the tomb, the underworld. In this way our King went to the ends of the universe to embrace and save every living thing. Only this love has conquered and continues to conquer our great adversaries: sin, death, fear". "Today, we proclaim this singular victory, with which Jesus became the King of all ages, the Lord of history: with only the omnipotence of love. With joy we share the beauty of having Jesus as our King: his lordship of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection, fear into trust."*

**Guide:** Reflecting on the Word of God, and the explanation of the Pope, examine:

- Who is Jesus in my life? Is he the King and the Lord of my life?
- Do I submit myself to the authority of Jesus? Do I imitate Jesus and his way of reigning? Do I ardently desire for his kingdom?

**Examination of Conscience:** We pause to evaluate our life and our relationship with Jesus...

**Guide:** It is easy to go back to Jesus our King if we have strayed from him; if we have not accepted him as our King; if we wanted to be king in his place...because the greatness of his kingdom is not the power according to the world, but the love of God, a love capable of reaching out to us sinners, and healing our wounds. He does not condemn us, he does not conquer us, he never violates our freedom, but he makes his way with the humble love that excuses everything, hopes for everything, endures everything. In him we find redemption and forgiveness. Therefore with the good thief let us pray: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom..." As soon as we give him the chance, Jesus is ready to erase sin completely and forever. God has no memory of sin, but of us, of each one of us, his beloved children. And he believes that it is always possible to start over, get up again.

**Hymn:** Lay your hands gently upon us...or any other.

**Intercessions: Response: Jesus our King, bless your people.**

Lord Jesus, our King and Leader, guide t our Holy Father the Pope, and all the leaders of our Church. Make them worthy leaders after your own heart as they make their Synodal journey.



Lord Jesus, may your reign of peace rule over the nations and its people especially bringing peace and solace to all the war torn countries of the world.

We pray for all those who have not accepted the kingship of Christ our Lord that they may have the grace of an encounter with Jesus.

We pray for free, fair, peaceful and democratic state elections in different parts of our country.

We pray for the sick and the elderly members of our community that they may find good neighbours and caring friends in each of us.

Lord Jesus, you are our Way, our Truth and our Life. Make us examples of a pure and holy life.

**Leader:** Jesus our Lord and King, we have spent this time of adoration and prayer in your Eucharistic presence. Fill our life with love, joy, peace, and kindness. Transform us by the power of the Holy Spirit into a living image of your compassionate presence. May we go forth from this hour of adoration and prayer to be your hands, feet, and heart to all those we meet. Risen Jesus, may we be surrounded by the radiance of your love. Amen. **Our Father...**

**The Divine Praises:** *(For Benediction)*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

**Final Hymn:** *We stand for God... (Or) The King of Glory... (Or) Rise India...*

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