

Prayers for New Year's

Te Deum

Prayer For New Year's Eve (Dec 31)

O God, we praise you and acknowledge you to be the Supreme Lord.
Everlasting Father, all the earth worships you.
All the Angels, the heavens and all angelic powers,
All the Cherubim and Seraphim, continuously cry to you:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of your glory.
The glorious choir of the Apostles,
The wonderful company of Prophets,
The white-robed army of Martyrs, praise you.
Holy Church throughout the world acknowledges you:
The Father of infinite Majesty;
Your adorable, true and only Son;
Also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.
O Christ, you are the King of glory!
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.
When you took it upon yourself to deliver man,
You did not disdain the Virgin's womb.
Having overcome the sting of death, you opened the
Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come to be our Judge.
We, therefore, beg you to help your servants whom you
have redeemed with your Precious Blood.
Let them be numbered with your Saints in everlasting
glory.

Leader: Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance!

Response: Govern them and raise them up forever.

L. Every day we thank you.

R. And we praise your Name forever, yes, forever and ever.

L. O Lord, deign to keep us from sin this day.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

L. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

R. O Lord, in you I have put my trust; let me never be put to shame.

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Prayer For New Year's Day (January 1)

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts overflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.

Amen.

*A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the Te Deum on Dec 31 or the Veni Creator Spiritus on Jan 1. A plenary indulgence is granted, if it is recited publicly. An indulgence means that by the merits of Jesus Christ, the temporal punishment (often referred to as time in purgatory) due to sins forgiven in Confession is removed. Plenary means full removal, vs partial, which removes only a portion. An example will perhaps better illustrate these points. A boy playing ball breaks a window of his home. Contrite and sorrowful he goes to his father, who forgives him. However, despite the forgiveness the window is still broken and must be repaired. Since the boy's personal resources are insufficient to pay for a new window, the father requires him to pay a few dollars from his savings and forego some of his allowance for several weeks, but that he, the father, will pay the rest. This balances justice and mercy (generous love). To ask the boy to do nothing, when it is possible for him to make some reparation, would not be in accordance with the truth, or even the boy's good. Yet, even this temporal debt is beyond the boy's possibilities. Therefore, from his own treasury the father generously makes up what the child cannot provide. This is indulgence. (Find this example and more at: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/what-13361>)

The conditions for plenary (full) indulgence are:
do the prescribed prayer (in this case, the prayer above);

pray for the intentions of the Pope (you could say an our father for the Pope's intentions, for example);
receive Holy Eucharist and go to the Sacrament of Confession within 8 days or so of the indulgenced act or prayer; and
be free of all attachment to even venial sin.

If one is not able to meet all these conditions, then one can still earn a partial indulgence.