

Prayers for the monthly meetings of Lay Dominicans

If these prayers are said within the celebration of Mass, those within the First Part from “Let us pray for the Church and the Order” may be recited during the Prayer of the Faithful, with those within the Second Part following the Prayer after Communion. If not said within the Mass, both parts are said consecutively.

It is suggested that, where Leader is denoted, this be either the Religious Assistant or President.

FIRST PART

All *I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to Blessed Dominic our Father to all the angels and saints and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed and omission, through my fault.
I ask you to pray for me.*

Leader *May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins,
deliver us from every evil,
save and strengthen us in every good work
and bring us to everlasting life.*

All *Amen.*

Leader *Let us pray for the Church and the needs of the Order. (or similar words)*

Reader *Almighty God, grant to your servant, N. , our Pope,
to all communities committed to his care,
and to N. , our Bishop,
the protection and guidance of your Holy Spirit.
Lord, hear us.*

All *Lord, graciously hear us.*

Reader O Lord, watch over and protect our Master, **N.** ,
and all our brothers and sisters in the Order,
that they may continue to seek you with all their heart,
and obtain the fulfilment of their rightful desires.
Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, graciously hear us.*

SECOND PART

Leader Let us pray for the dead of our Order.

Grant our dead brothers and sisters and benefactors forgiveness of their sins;
may the pardon they have always desired be accorded to them
at our intercession on their behalf.
Lord, hear us.

All *Lord, graciously hear us.*

All *Out of the depths I cry unto you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is merciful forgiveness: for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord: I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak.
Let the watchmen count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

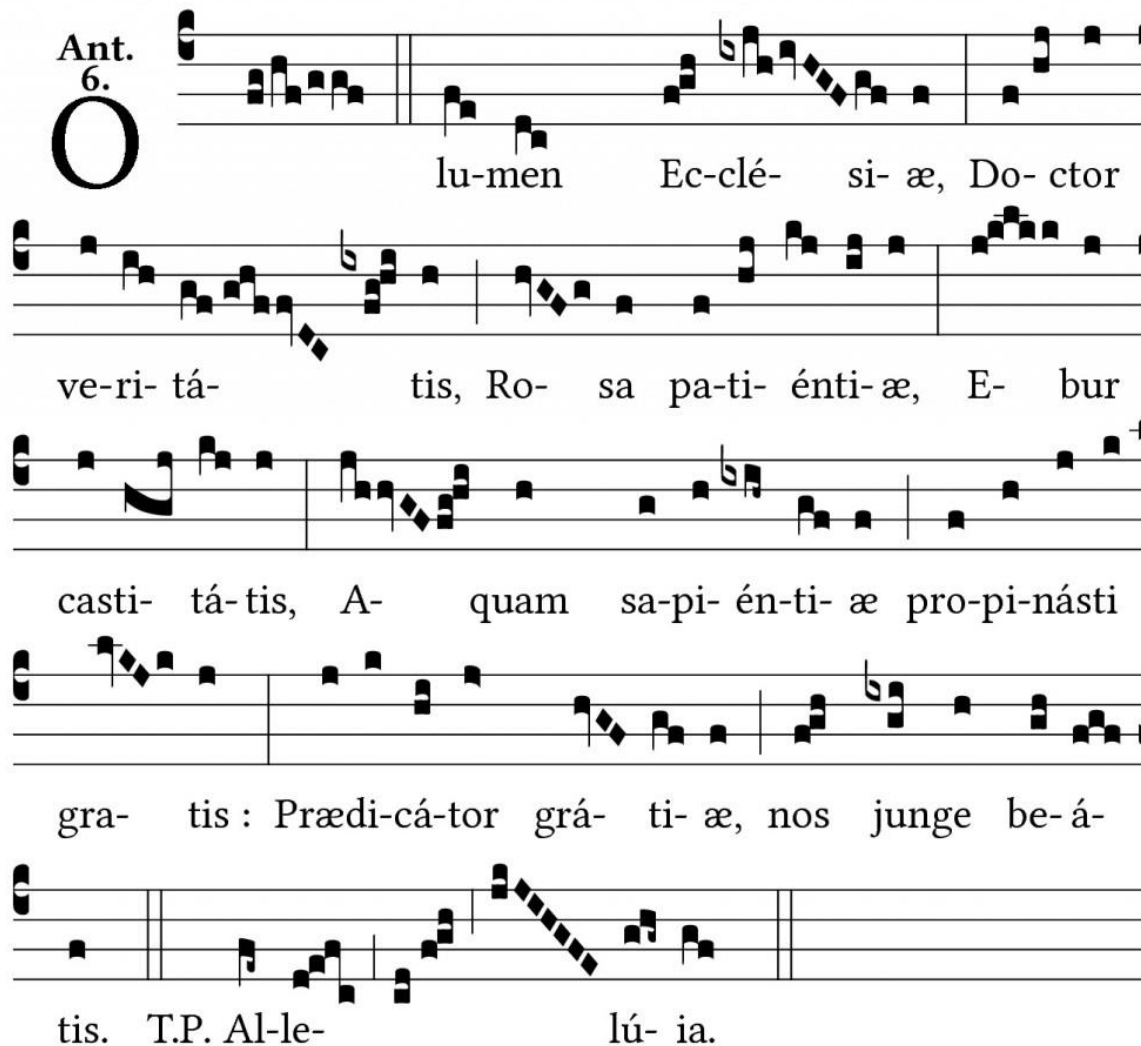
Leader O God, the creator and redeemer of the faithful, hear our prayer.
May our brothers and sisters in the Order,
our relatives and benefactors,
who have passed from this world,
be helped by the prayers of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin,
of Saint Dominic our Father, Saint Catherine and all your saints,
and receive from you a share in your kingdom of eternal happiness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All *Amen.*

A prayer to Saint Dominic, such as the 'O Lumen' below may be said or sung.

O light of the Church, teacher of truth,
rose of patience, ivory of chastity,
you have freely poured forth the waters of wisdom:
preacher of grace, unite us with the blessed (Alleluia.)

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lu-men Ec-clé-si-æ, Do-ctor
ve-ri-tá-tis, Ro-sa pa-ti-énti-æ, E-bur
casti-tá-tis, A-quam sa-pi-én-ti-æ pro-pi-násti
gra-tis: Prædi-cá-tor grá-ti-æ, nos junge be-á-
tis. T.P. Al-le-lú-ia.