



## **A Prayer for December 1, 2020**

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*Attributed to Clement of Rome (c. 35 – 99/101 CE):*

Grant us, Lord, to hope on your name,  
which is the primal source of all creation,  
and open the eyes of our hearts  
that we may know you,  
who alone are highest among the high;  
you are holy, abiding among the holy.  
You humble the pride of the proud;  
you destroy the plans of nations;  
you exalt the humble and humble the exalted...

We ask you, Master, to be our helper and protector.  
Save those among us who are in distress;  
have mercy on the humble;  
raise up the fallen;  
show yourself to those in need;  
heal the sick;  
turn back those of your people who wander;  
feed the hungry;

ransom our prisoners;  
raise up the weak;  
comfort the discouraged...

Yes, Lord, let your face shine upon us in peace for our good,  
so that we may be sheltered by your mighty hand  
and delivered from every sin by your uplifted arm;  
deliver us as well from those who hate us unjustly.  
Give harmony and peace to us and to all who dwell on the earth,  
just as you did to our ancestors  
when they reverently called upon you in faith and truth,  
that we may be saved...

You, who alone are able to do these  
and even greater good things for us,  
we praise through the High Priest and Benefactor of our souls...  
through whom be the glory and the majesty  
to you both now and for all generations  
and for ever and ever. Amen.