

## Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent



**O Key of David,  
Opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
Come and free the prisoners of darkness!**  
*(Gospel Acclamation)*

Have you ever experienced a time when you could not find the keys to your car? Have you known a loved one whose keys were taken away from them because of age impairments? How many keys do you have on your keychain? I'm sure we can all identify with one or all of these experiences. They all remind us of the importance of keys opening us up to freedom, power and authority!

Today is the fourth day of the "O" Antiphons: O Key of David. Its significance begins in the Old Testament, where the leader of the Davidic Kingdom is to "carry the keys," symbol of authority over the house of David. The Messianic promise is given us through Jesus, who holds the key to salvation and has the ultimate power over sin and death.

I've had the experience of where I've had keys, but never the MASTER KEY, which gets to open all the doors in a building! In a spiritual sense, Jesus is really the only MASTER who holds the MASTER KEY! Jesus opens up the doors to everlasting life, and a life of meaning and fulfillment while on this earth. When we feel imprisoned by fear, call 777\* – Jesus will open the door to courage and peace. When you feel overwhelmed with anxiety, call 777 – Jesus will open the door to calm and healing. When we feel hopeless and alone, call 777 – Jesus will open the door to hope and meaning in your life.

*\*Is not a legitimate number.*

*777 represents the key code to heaven, perfection, goodness. I have used it in a poetic sense.*

### **PRAYER**

*(verse from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)*

**O come, O come, thou Key of David come.  
And open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
That we no more have cause to sigh.**

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