

# The *O* Antiphons



**December 17**

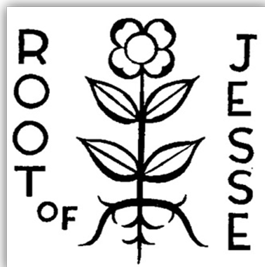
*O Sapientia...*

O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God...  
come and teach us the way to salvation.

**December 18**

*O Adonai...*

O Lord and Leader of the house of Israel...  
stretch out your hand to set us free.



**December 19**

*O Radix Jesse...*

O Flower of Jesse's stem...  
come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid...

**December 20**

*O Clavis David...*

O Key of David...  
break down the prison walls of death...  
and lead your captive people into freedom.



**December 21**

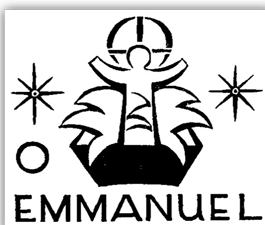
*O Oriens...*

O Radiant Dawn...  
shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow  
of death.

**December 22**

*O Rex Gentium...*

O King of all the nations...  
come and save the creatures you fashioned from  
the dust.



**December 23**

*O Emmanuel...*

God-with-us...  
come and save us, Lord our God.