

Lesson 6

Look at the very next versicle and responsory. This is the opening for every other hour of the Divine Office (except Matins, but these lines are still right at the very beginning of it):

V. **Deus**, in adiutorium meum inténde.

V. O **God**, give attention to my assistance.

R. **Dómine**, ad adiuvándum me festína.

R. O **Lord**, make haste towards helping me.

adjutorium = assistance	intende = give heed!
adjuvandum = helping	festina = make haste!
ad = to, towards	meum = my, mine
me = me	

First of all, the words are colored orange in the above underlined phrases with prepositions (also known as prepositional phrases, unsurprisingly), and this is not a mistake. Unluckily, some prepositions do not go with nouns and pronouns in the gray forms, they go with some in the orange forms. Commonly used prepositions with the orange forms are few, however. “**Ad**” is one of the very most common.

But let’s talk more about pronouns. We now have a new form for our personal pronouns chart from the previous lesson, “**me**”. (Let’s add “**mihi**” (= to/for me) as well, you’ll see why in a moment.)

	You (singular)	We/Our/ Us	I/Me
some <i>personal pronouns</i>		nostrum (our, of us)	
		nobis (to us, for us)	mihi (to me, for me)
		nos (} us)	me (} me)
		nobis (↑ us)	
		Tu (O You!)	

We also have another pronoun of a different kind, “**meum**” the kind of pronoun that “**tuam**” from last lesson was: they are possessive pronouns. Let’s look at the chart for all the possessive pronouns we have seen so far:

	My	Your (singular)	Our	Your (plural.)/("Y'all's")
some <i>possessive pronouns</i>	_____	_____	noster	vester
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	meum, meam	tuam	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	noster	_____

Learn these two words:

exaudi = hear! orationem = prayer

And now you can translate the antiphon for Sunday Compline at sight:

Miserere mihi, Domine, et exaudi orationem meam.

Congratulations!

Here are some sentences to practice with personal and possessive pronouns:

Converte me, Domine.

Tu, Domine, miserere nobis.

Jube, Domine, benedicere terram tuam.

Dominus omnipotens concedat nobis pacem (peace).

Exaudi, Domine!

Festina lente (slowly).

Adversarius noster circuit.