

Saturday - Lent Week 4

Collect:

Rejoicing in this annual celebration
of our Lenten observance,
we pray, O Lord,
that, with our hearts set on the Paschal mysteries,
we may be gladdened by their full effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 18:9-14

Today's prayer: A prayer for a pandemic

The Lord, Jesus brought healing during His ministry on earth.
He healed the sick and brought the dead to life.
By His own death and resurrection He brings the promise,
hope and means of healing to us all.

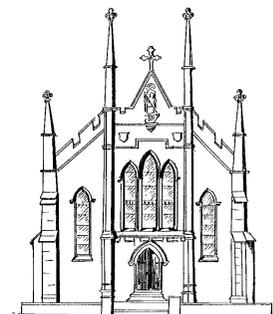
Now we need His healing more than ever.
We need not only the healing from physical illness
brought on by the COVID-19 virus but healing for
human hearts, communities and world society.

Open our hearts that we may not turn in
on ourselves and our own needs.
Let unity, compassion and care mark us all.
Inspire us to serve the poor and abandoned.

May we use our skills in service of others.
May more fortunate countries come to the aid
of those less prosperous.
May we be concerned less about public image
but more about doing the right thing.
"This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples:
if you love one another." Amen.

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DAILY PRAYERS LENT WEEK 4



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Sunday - Lent Week 4 (Year A)

Mothers' Day

Collect:

O God, who through Your Word reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 9:1-41

Today's prayer:

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord, whom you serve, for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for saying "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all mothers. Ask your Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving Him their own 'yes.' May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for all mothers who have recourse to you particularly those mothers who are suffering at this time.

Hail Mary...

Mary, Mother of Christ, Pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.
Mary, Mother of all who suffer, Pray for us.

Friday - Lent Week 4

Collect:

Pour Your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord, that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires and obey by our own gift the heavenly teaching You give us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 12:28-34

Today's prayer:

O Jesus, You suffered and died for us;
You understand suffering;
Teach us to understand our suffering as You do;
To bear them in union with You;
To offer them with You to atone for our sins
And to bring Your grace to souls in need.
Calm all our fears; increase our trust.
May we gladly accept Your holy will
and become more like You in this trial.
If it be Your will, restore us to health
so that we may work for Your honor and glory
and the salvation of all people. Amen.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O Jesus who for love of me
Did bear Your Cross to Calvary,
In Your sweet mercy grant to me
And suffer and to die with Thee.

Thursday - Lent Week 4

Collect:

We implore Your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as the feast of our salvation draws ever closer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly towards the worthy celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

Today's prayer:

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that You will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for Your will is health and wholeness; You are God, and we need You.

-Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765

From episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/faith-based-response-to-epidemics/

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, longing to love Jesus as He had never been loved before, you gave yourself entirely to Him, refusing Him nothing. In union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you accepted His call to satiate His infinite thirst for love and souls and become a carrier of His love to the poorest of the poor. With loving trust and total surrender, you fulfilled His will, witnessing to the joy of belonging totally to Him. You became so intimately united to Jesus your crucified Spouse that He deigned to share with you the agony of His Heart as He hung upon the Cross.

Saint Teresa, you promised to continuously bring the light of love to those on earth; pray for us that we also may long to satiate the burning thirst of Jesus by loving Him ardently, sharing in His sufferings joyfully, and serving Him wholeheartedly in our brothers and sisters, especially those most unloved and unwanted. Amen

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St Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for the victims of the coronavirus.

St Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for those who feel rejected.

St Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for us that we may ready to help those in need.

Monday - Lent Week 4

Collect:

O God, who renew the world
through mysteries beyond all telling,
grant, we pray,
that Your Church may be guided by Your eternal design
and not be deprived of Your help in this present age.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 4:43-54

Today's prayer: Pope Francis' Twin Prayers for the Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

“We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

“You, Salvation of all people, know what we need, and we trust that
you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee,
joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

“Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*The *Sub tuum praesidium* (a 3rd Century prayer to Our Lady)*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas, we who are put to the test

and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*(Pope Francis' s prayed his prayer above and the 'Sub tuum...' on his recent visit,
(11th March 202), to the Shrine of Our Lady Health of the Roman People
(*Maria Salus Populi Romani*) in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome
to pray for the people of Italy suffering in the Pandemic)*

Our Lady, Health of Christians, Pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us.

Tuesday - Lent Week 4

Collect:

May the venerable exercises of holy devotion shape the hearts of Your faithful, O Lord, to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery and proclaim the praises of Your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 5:1-16

Today's prayer:

A reflection adapted from a service for use on the 28th World Day of Prayer for the Sick, February 11th 2020 (The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)

We can use the words of Pope Francis, from this year's World day of prayer for the sick, to help us as we pray for those who are ill at this time and for those who care for them:

"Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers His mercy and His comforting presence ... Why does Jesus have these feelings? Because He Himself became frail, endured human suffering and received comfort from His Father. Indeed, only those who personally experience suffering are then able to comfort others ... What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention. In a word, love. At the side of every sick person, there is also a family, which itself suffers and is in need of support and comfort."

For the families of those who are suffering, Lord hear us.
For the families who have lost a loved one to the coronavirus, Lord hear us.
For the families separated from one another and afraid, Lord hear us.
For the doctors and nurse who care for the sick, Lord hear us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us
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Wednesday - The Annunciation of the Lord

Collect:

O God, who willed that Your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in His divine nature. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 1:26-38

Today's prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, Your Son by the message of an angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Word made flesh, Pray for us.
Our Lady, Health of the sick, Pray for us.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.