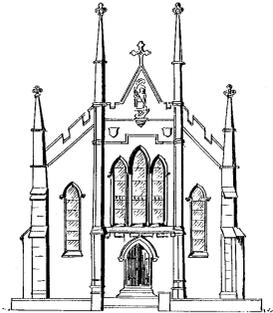


# DAILY PRAYERS EASTER WEEK 3



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## Sunday Easter Week 3

### Collect:

May Your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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 24:13-35

### Today's prayer:

Our Father,  
each day is a little life,  
each night a tiny death;  
help us to live with faith and hope and love.  
Lift our duty above drudgery;  
let not our strength fail, or the vision fade,  
in the heat and burden of the day.  
O God, make us patient and merciful one with another  
in the fret and jar of life,  
remembering that each fights a hard fight  
and walks a lonely way.  
Forgive us, Lord, if we hurt our fellow souls;  
teach us a gentler tone,  
a sweeter charity of words,  
and a more healing touch.  
Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow;  
give us courage for this day and hope for tomorrow.  
Day unto day may we take hold of Your hand  
and look up into Your face,  
whatever befall, until our work is finished  
and the day is done. Amen.

*St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)*

## Monday Easter Week 3

### Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, putting off our old self with all its ways,  
we may live as Christ did,  
for through the healing Paschal Remedies  
You have conformed us to His 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:** John 6:22-29

### Today's prayer:

O God, the Father of all  
look down in pity on those who suffer,  
and heal the anguish of the world;  
release from the prison-house  
all those held in the bondage of fear  
and set free those who are bound by the fetters of disease,  
whether of soul or body.  
O Lord care for the desolate,  
give rest to the weary,  
comfort the sorrowful,  
watch over the sleepless,  
and to those who lie untended in their sickness  
grant the gentle ministry of Angels,  
to supply their needs and relieve their pain.  
Visit with Your great compassion all in their last agony  
and bring them in peace and safety to Your Paradise of love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Tuesday Easter Week 3

St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr  
St Louis Grignon de Monfort, priest

### Collect:

O God, who open wide the gates of the heavenly Kingdom  
to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
pour out on Your servants  
an increase of the grace You have bestowed,  
that, having been purged of all sins,  
they may lack nothing  
that in Your kindness You have promised.  
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 6:30-35

### Today's prayer:

A Spiritual Communion:

*A prayer for those times when we are unable to receive Holy Communion*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*St Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort (31<sup>st</sup> January 1673 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 1716)*

Mary, Woman of the Eucharist, Pray for us  
St Peter Chanel, Pray for us  
St Louis Grignon de Monfort, Pray for us

## Wednesday – St Catherine of Siena

### Collect:

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service of Your Church, grant, through her intercession, that Your people, participating in the Mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of His glory. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 11:25-30

### Today's prayer:

Eternal God, eternal Trinity,  
You have made the Blood of Christ so precious through His sharing in Your Divine nature.  
You are a mystery as deep as the sea;  
the more I search, the more I find,  
and the more I find the more I search for You.  
But I can never be satisfied,  
what I receive will ever leave me desiring more.  
When You fill my soul, I have an ever-greater hunger,  
and I grow more famished for Your light.  
I desire above all to see You,  
the true light, as You really are.

*St Catherine of Siena (25<sup>th</sup> March 1347 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 1380)  
Made a Doctor of the Church by Pope St Paul VI in 1970  
Made a Patron of Europe by Pope St John Paul II in 1999*

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, Pray for us  
St Dominic, Pray for us  
St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us

## Thursday Easter Week 3

St Pope Pius V, Pray for us

### Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,  
let us feel Your compassion more readily during these days when, by Your gift, we have known it more fully, so that those You have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of Your truth. 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 6:44-51

**Today's prayer:** A Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty God look kindly on Your servant Pope Francis.  
You invited him to shepherd Your flock.  
Guide and protect him in his daily work.  
Inspire him in Your ways to embrace and unite Your Church.  
Loving God, assist Pope Francis in his constant effort, to enlighten and strengthen Your Church and its people.  
Open the eyes of non-believers so that together, peace and harmony will prevail throughout our world.  
Merciful God, may the splendour of Your Son's resurrection, continue to illuminate all our lives.  
May our thoughts, words and actions, bear daily witness to the new life You gave us.  
Eternal God hear our prayer and the prayers of Pope Francis.  
May they be a worthy addition to the chorus of praise among the angels and saints as we seek Your help and grace.  
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, the true and everlasting Light. Amen.

St Peter, Pray for him  
St Pius, Pray for him  
St Francis, Pray for him

## Friday Easter Week 3

St Joseph the Worker, Pray for us

### Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we, who have come to know  
the grace of the Lord's Resurrection,  
may, through the love of the Spirit,  
ourselves rise to newness of life.  
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 6:52-59

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer Entrusting all Workers to the Care and Intercession of Saint Joseph

O glorious Joseph you concealed your incomparable and regal dignity  
of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary  
under the humble appearance of a craftsman  
and provided for them with your work,  
protect with loving power your sons and daughters,  
entrusted to you today.  
You know their anxieties and sufferings,  
because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother.  
Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries,  
to forget the purpose for which they were created by God.  
Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls.  
Remind all workers, wherever they may work,  
and especially, at this time, those  
who work to protect the sick and the vulnerable,  
that they are not working or suffering alone, but at their side  
is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them,  
to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil.  
Teach them to turn work into a true instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.

*Adapted from a prayers of Pope St John XXIII (1881 – 1963)*

Our Lady, Wife and Mother, Pray for us

St Joseph the Worker, Pray for us

St Cajetan, patron of employment and those seeking employment, Pray for us

## Saturday – Feast of St Athanasius

### Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,  
who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius  
as an outstanding champion of Your Son's divinity,  
mercifully grant,  
that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection,  
we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of You.  
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:** Matthew 10:22-25

### Today's prayer:

It is becoming for you, O Mary, to be mindful of us,  
as you stand near Him who bestowed upon you all graces,  
for you are the Mother of God and our Queen.  
Come to our aid for the sake of the King,  
the Lord God and Master who was born of you.  
For this reason, you are called “full of grace.”  
Be mindful of us, most holy Virgin,  
and bestow on us gifts from the riches of your graces,  
O Virgin full of grace.

*St Athanasius (296/298 - May 2<sup>nd</sup> 373)*

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us

St Athanasius, patron of all Christian people, Pray for us