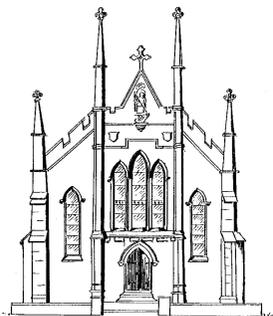


DAILY PRAYERS WEEK 34 CHRIST THE KING



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Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in Your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render Your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim Your praise.
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 25:31-46

Today's prayer:

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.

Monday – Week 34

St Clement I, Pope and Martyr
St Columban, Abbot

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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 21:1-4

Today's prayer:

In The Name Of The Whole Christian People.

We beg You, Master, be our help and strength.
Save those among us who are oppressed, have pity on the lowly and lift up the fallen.
Heal the sick, bring back the straying, and feed the hungry.
Release those in prison, steady those who falter, and strengthen the fainthearted.
Let all nations come to know You, the one God, with Your Son Jesus Christ,
and us Your people and sheep of Your pasture.
Do not keep count of the sins of Your servants,
but purify us through the bath of Your truth and direct our steps.
Help us to walk in holiness of heart,
and to do what is good and pleasing in your eyes and in the eyes of our rulers.
Master, let Your face shine on us to grant us every good in peace,
protect us by Your powerful hand,
deliver us from every evil by the might of Your arm.
Grant us and all who dwell on this earth peace and harmony, O Lord. Amen.

by **Pope St Clement I**, also known as *Clement of Rome*.

He is listed by Irenaeus and Tertullian as Bishop of Rome, holding office from 88 until his death in 99. It is said that Clement was ordained by St Peter. The early church lists of popes place him as the second or third bishop of Rome after St Peter.

St Columban or *Columbanus* (Born c540 in Navan, Ireland) He was an Irish missionary notable for founding a number of monasteries after 590 in the Frankish and Lombard kingdoms including Luxeuil Abbey in France and Bobbio Abbey in Italy where he died in 615

Tuesday – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions

Martyrs

Collect:

O God, source and origin of all fatherhood,
who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his companions
faithful to the Cross of Your Son,
even to the shedding of their blood,
grant, through their intercession,
that, spreading Your love among our brothers and sisters,
we may be Your children both in name and in 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: Matthew 10:28-33

Today's prayer:

A Prayer to the Vietnamese Martyrs

O Vietnamese Martyrs, with the Grace of God,
you had victoriously implanted the mustard seed of Faith
that grew into the Church of Vietnam.
Your courageous sacrifice had reserved your Heavenly rest.
United with you, we offer our gratuities and thanks to God and the Holy Mother,
for all of your martyrdom and your lives that we now celebrate.
We beseech you to follow your Faith in humility, charity and love.
When we are in despair and danger,
please aid and console us in fulfilling the Father's Will
and carry our crosses to Eternal Glory. Amen.

O all you holy Vietnamese Martyrs, Pray for us and for your native land

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions. St Andrew Dung-Lac, was a convert, ordained to the priesthood, and was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862.

His companions gave their lives for Christ in the 17th – 19th centuries and were beatified in four groups between 1900 and 1951.

Wednesday – Week 34

St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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 21:12-19

Today's prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, with lively faith and reverent worship,
I bow before You and invoke, with absolute trust, Your supreme power and mercy.
Illumine the darkness of my mind with a ray of Your heavenly light
and inflame my heart with the fire of Your Divine love,
so that I may contemplate the great virtues and merits
of Saint Catherine of Alexandria in whose honour I make this prayer,
and following her example imitate, like her, the life of Your Divine Son.
Moreover, I beseech You to graciously grant,
through the merits and intercession of St Catherine,
the petition that I humbly place before You today, devoutly acknowledging,
“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

(Make your request of the Lord...)

Merciful God, graciously grant my request,
if it is for Your greater honour and glory, and the salvation of my soul.

St Catherine, Pray for us

St Catherine of Alexandria, or Saint Catherine of the Wheel, was, according to tradition, martyred in the early 4th century at the hands of the emperor Maxentius.

According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar who became a Christian around the age of 14, converted hundreds of people to Christianity and was martyred around the age of 18. More than 1,100 years after Catherine's martyrdom, St Joan of Arc identified her as one of the saints who appeared to and counselled her.

Thursday – Week 34

Collect:

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that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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: Lk 21:20-28

Today's Prayer:

from *The Universal Prayer attributed to Pope Clement XI (23rd July 1649, Urbino – 19th March 1721, Rome)*

Lord, I believe in You: increase my faith.
I trust in You: strengthen my trust.
I love You: let me love You more and more.
I am sorry for my sins: deepen my sorrow.
I worship You as my first beginning,
I long for You as my last end,
I praise You as my constant helper,
and call on You as my loving protector.
Guide me by Your wisdom,
correct me with Your justice,
comfort me with Your mercy,
protect me with Your power.
I offer You, Lord, my thoughts: to be fixed on You;
my words: to have You for their theme;
my actions: to reflect my love for You;
my sufferings: to be endured for Your greater glory.
I want to do what You ask of me:
in the way You ask,
for as long as You ask, because You ask it.
You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday – Week 34

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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: Lk 21:29-33

Today's prayer:

from *The Universal Prayer* (attributed to Pope Clement XI)

Lord, enlighten my understanding,
strengthen my will, purify my heart, and make me holy.
Help me to repent of my past sins and to resist temptation in the future.
Help me to rise above my human weaknesses and to grow stronger as a Christian.
Let me love You, my Lord and my God, and see myself as I really am:
a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all whose lives I
touch,
Those under my authority, my friends and my enemies.
Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervour.
Help me to forget myself and reach out toward others.
Make me prudent in planning, courageous in taking risks.
Make me patient in suffering, unassuming in prosperity.
Keep me, Lord, attentive at prayer,
temperate in food and drink, diligent in my work,
firm in my good intentions.
Let my conscience be clear, my conduct without fault,
my speech blameless, my life well-ordered.
Put me on guard against my human weaknesses.
Let me cherish Your love for me, keep Your law, and come at last to Your
salvation.
Teach me to realise that this world is passing,
that my true future is the happiness of heaven,
that life on earth is short, and the life to come eternal.
Help me to prepare for death with a proper fear of judgment,
but a greater trust in Your goodness.
Lead me safely through death to the endless joy of heaven.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday – Week 34

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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: Lk 21:34-36

Today's prayer:

*Today is the last day of the Church's liturgical year.
Tomorrow a new year begins with the Season of Advent.*

O God, the beginning, and the end of all things,
You are always the same, and whose years fail not,
we now, at the close of another year, come in adoration before You,
and offer You our deepest thanks for the fatherly care
with which You have watched over us,
for the many times You have protected us from evils of soul and body,
and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual,
which You have showered upon us.
May it please You, Lord, to accept the homage of our grateful hearts
which we offer You in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Your divine
Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father...