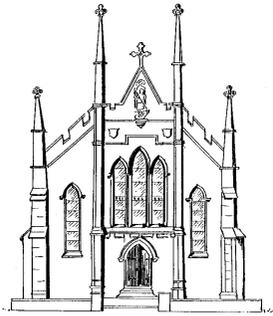


# DAILY PRAYERS PENTECOST



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## **Pentecost Sunday**

### **Collect:**

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify Your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 20: 19-23

### **Today's prayer:**

Holy Spirit,  
Comforting fire,  
Life of all creation.  
Anointing the sick, cleansing body and soul,  
Fill this body!

Holy Spirit,  
Sacred breath, Fire of love,  
Sweetest taste, Beautiful aroma,  
Fill this heart!

Holy Spirit,  
Filling the world,  
from the heights to the deep,  
Raining from clouds, filling rivers and sea,  
Fill this mind!

Holy Spirit,  
Forgiving and giving,  
uniting strangers, reconciling enemies,  
Seeking the lost, and enfolding us together,  
Fill these gathered here!

Holy Spirit,  
Bringing light into dark places, igniting praise,  
Greatest gift, our Hope and Encourager,  
Holy Spirit of Christ,  
I praise You! Amen.

*St Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179)*

## Monday – Our Lady, Mother of the Church

### Collect:

O God, Father of mercies,  
whose Only Begotten Son, as He hung upon the Cross,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother,  
to be our Mother also,  
grant, we pray, that with her loving help  
Your Church may be more fruitful day by day  
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,  
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 19:25-34

### Today's prayer:

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our Faith

Mother, help our faith!  
Open our ears to hear God's word  
and to recognize His voice and call.  
Awaken in us a desire to follow in His footsteps,  
to go forth from our own land and to receive His promise.  
Help us to be touched by His love,  
that we may touch Him in faith.  
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him  
and to believe in His love,  
especially at times of trial,  
beneath the shadow of the cross,  
when our faith is called to mature.  
Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.  
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.  
Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,  
that He may be light for our path.  
And may this light of faith always increase in us,  
until the dawn of that undying day  
which is Christ Himself, your Son, our Lord!

*From Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Lumen Fidei' (29 June 2013)*

## Tuesday – St Bede

### Collect:

O God, who bring light to Your Church  
through the learning of the Priest Saint Bede,  
mercifully grant that Your servants  
may always be enlightened by his wisdom and helped by his merits.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 7:21-29

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Faith, Hope and Charity

O come to me, my only hope, O Lord my God.  
Come to me, true light, Father, almighty God.  
Come, light from light, both Word and Son of God, God almighty.  
Come Holy Spirit, concord of Father and Son, Lord God almighty.  
Come one almighty God, Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

Teach faith, stir up hope, pour out love.  
The will is present with me (yet not from me, but from You)  
to quit the world and the earth, and to seek the heavens.  
But this will is a feeble feather without Your help.  
Give wings of faith, that I might fly on high to You.

*St Bede (Born c. 673 possibly in Jarrow. Died 26<sup>th</sup> May 735 at Jarrow)*  
St Bede, Pray for us

## Wednesday – St Philip Neri

Priest

### Collect:

O God, who never cease to bestow the glory of holiness on the faithful servants You raise up for Yourself, graciously grant that the Holy Spirit may kindle in us that fire with which He wonderfully filled the heart of Saint Philip Neri. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 17:20-26

### Today's prayer:

A hymn to St Philip Neri

This is the Saint of gentleness and kindness,  
Cheerful in penance, and in precept winning;  
Patiently healing of their pride and blindness  
Souls that are sinning.

This is the Saint, who, when the world allures us,  
Cries its false wares, and opes its magic coffers,  
Points to a better city, and secures us  
With richer offers.

Love is his bond, he knows no other fetter,  
Asks not our all, but takes whate'er we spare him,  
Willing to draw us on from good to better,  
As we can bear him.

When he comes near to teach us and to bless us,  
Prayer is so sweet, that hours are but a minute;  
Mirth is so pure, though freely it possess us,  
Sin is not in it.

Thus he conducts by holy paths and pleasant  
Innocent souls and sinful souls forgiven  
Towards the bright palace where our God is present  
Throned in high heaven.

*By St John Henry Cardinal Newman*

St Philip Neri, Pray for us

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## Thursday - Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

### Collect:

O God, who for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of the human race, made Your Only Begotten Son the Eternal High Priest, grant that, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, those whom He has chosen as ministers and stewards of His mysteries may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 26:36-42

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience Your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for Your People. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of Your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of Your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Help our priests to be role models to the young ones and mentor them to pray and take up the vocation of serving the Church of tomorrow.

Mary, Mother of the clergy, Pray for us all.

## Friday – Week 8

### Collect:

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by Your peaceful rule  
and that Your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Mark 11:11-26

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Peace

O God, Creator of the universe,  
who extends Your paternal concern over every creature  
and guides the events of history to goals of salvation,  
we acknowledge Your Fatherly love  
when You break the resistance of mankind and,  
in a world torn by strife and discord,  
You make us ready for reconciliation.  
Renew for us the wonders of Your mercy;  
send forth Your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of our hearts,  
that enemies may begin to dialogue,  
that adversaries may shake hands  
and peoples may encounter one another in harmony.  
May all people commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace  
which will extinguish all arguments,  
for charity which overcomes hatred,  
for pardon which disarms revenge.

*Pope St John Paul II*

## Saturday – Week 8

Pope St Paul VI

### Collect:

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by Your peaceful rule  
and that Your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Mark 11:27-33

### Today's Prayer:

A Prayer For Faith

Lord, I believe:  
I wish to believe in You.  
Lord, let my faith be full and unreserved,  
and let it penetrate my thought,  
my way of judging Divine things and human things.  
Lord, let my faith be joyful  
and give peace and gladness to my spirit,  
and dispose it for prayer with God  
and conversation with all people,  
so that the inner bliss of its fortunate possession  
may shine forth in sacred and secular conversation.  
Lord, let my faith be humble and not presume  
to be based on the experience of my thought and of my feeling;  
but let it surrender to the testimony of the Holy Spirit,  
and not have any better guarantee than in  
the authority of the teaching of the Holy Church. Amen.

Pope St Paul VI, Pray for us

*By Pope St Paul VI*