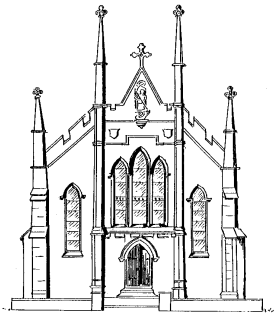


# DAILY PRAYERS WEEK 18



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## Sunday – Week 18

### Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,  
You may restore what You have created  
and keep safe what You have restored.  
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 6:24-35

### Today's prayer:

Dearest Lord,  
teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight, and not to heed the wounds;  
to labour, and not to seek to rest;  
to give of myself and not to ask for reward,  
except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.

*St Ignatius of Loyola*

## Monday – Week 18

St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop  
St Peter Julian Eymand, Priest

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God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 14:13-21

### Today's prayer:

Gracious God of our ancestors,  
You led Peter Julian Eymard,  
like Jacob in times past,  
on a journey of faith.  
Under the guidance of Your gentle Spirit,  
Peter Julian discovered the gift of love in the Eucharist  
which Your Son Jesus offered for the hungers of humanity.  
Grant that we may celebrate this mystery worthily, adore it profoundly,  
and proclaim it prophetically for Your greater glory. Amen.

## Tuesday – Week 18

### Collect:

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and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,  
You may restore what You have created  
and keep safe what You have restored.  
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 14:22-36

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer to Jesus in the Eucharist

O boundless charity!

Just as You gave us Yourself,  
wholly God and wholly man,  
so You left us all of Yourself as food  
so that while we are pilgrims in this life  
we might not collapse in our weariness  
but be strengthened by You, heavenly food.

O mercenary people!

And what has Your God left You?  
He has left You Himself,  
wholly God and wholly man,  
hidden under the whiteness of this bread.

O fire of love!

Was it not enough to gift us  
with creation in Your image and likeness,  
and to create us anew to grace in Your Son's blood,  
without giving us Yourself as food,  
the whole of divine being,  
the whole of God?

What drove You?

Nothing but Your charity,  
mad with love as You are!

*St Catherine of Siena*

## Wednesday – St John Vianney

Priest – *Patron saint of parish priests*

### Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,  
who made the Priest Saint John Vianney  
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,  
grant, we pray,  
that through his intercession and example  
we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ  
and attain with them eternal glory.  
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 9:35–10:1

### Today's prayer:

Prayer for Priests

God, please give to Your Church today  
many more priests after Your own heart.  
May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.  
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance;  
be examples of humility and poverty;  
shining models of holiness;  
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;  
zealous dispensers of Your grace in the sacraments.  
May their loving devotion to Your Son Jesus in the Eucharist  
and to Mary his Mother  
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

*By St John Vianney (8<sup>th</sup> May 1786 · Dardilly - 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 1859 · Ars-sur-  
Formans)*

## Thursday – Week 18

Dedication of the Baslica of St Mary Major

### Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,  
You may restore what You have created  
and keep safe what You have restored.  
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 16:13-23

### 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 recognise 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!

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary at the conclusion of the Encyclical  
'Lumen Fidei' (29 June 2013)*

## Friday – The Transfiguration of the Lord

### Collect:

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of our Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to Your servants, that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with Him. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Mark 9:2-10

### Today's prayer:

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God,  
And Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able  
So that when they would behold You crucified,  
They would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,  
And would proclaim to the world,  
That You are truly the radiance of the Father.

*(Kontakion, Greek hymn, of the Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ)*

## Saturday – St Edmund Arrowsmith, St Ambrose Barlow and Companions

The Martyrs of Lancaster

### Collect:

Almighty Father,  
may those who died on the hill above Lancaster,  
grieving for England which they prayed God soon to convert,  
be our patrons now in heaven,  
that our lives may witness to the faith they professed.  
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 10:17-22

### Today's prayer:

A Litany of the Lancaster Martyrs

St Edmund Arrowsmith, Pray for us  
St Ambrose Barlow, Pray for us  
Blessed Edward Bamber, Pray for us  
Blessed James Bell, Pray for us  
Blessed John Finch, Pray for us  
Blessed Richard Hurst, Pray for us  
Blessed Thurstan Hunt, Pray for us  
Blessed Robert Middleton, Pray for us  
Blessed Robert Nutter, Pray for us  
Blessed John Thules, Pray for us  
Blessed Thomas Whittaker, Pray for us  
Blessed John Woodcock, Pray for us  
Blessed Edward Thwing, Pray for us  
Blessed Roger Wrenno, Pray for us  
Venerable Lawrence Bailey, Pray for us  
All unknown men and women who died in Lancaster for the faith, Pray for us