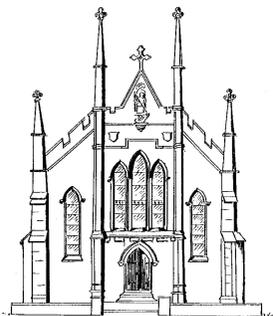


# DAILY PRAYERS WEEK 20



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## Sunday – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Collect:

O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that Your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of Your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by You on high. 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 11:27-28

### Today's prayer:

The 'Regina Caeli'

*(while usually said each day during Eastertide in place of the Angellus. Today seems a fitting opportunity to pray this beautiful prayer.)*

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,  
has risen as He said, alleluia.  
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God,  
who by the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ  
gave gladness to the world;  
grant that we, being helped by the Virgin Mary,  
may attain to the joys of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The author of Regina Caeli is unknown, but by virtue of its presence (or absence) in manuscripts, it had to have been composed sometime between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries. One possible author in that time period is Pope Gregory V (+998). Its original use appears to have been in Rome where it was used as an Antiphon for Vespers at Easter.*

## Monday – Week 20

St Stephen of Hungary

### Collect:

O God, who have prepared for those who love You good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of Your love, so that, loving You in all things and above all things, we may attain Your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 19:16-22

### Today's prayer:

Be patient with everyone,  
not only with the powerful,  
but also with the weak.  
Be humble in this life  
that God may raise you up in the next.  
Be truly moderate,  
and do not punish anyone inordinately.

*St Stephen of Hungary*

St Stephen, Pray for the people of Hungary  
St Stephen, king and saint, Pray for us that we may use what power we have to advance the will of God.

*St Stephen was born about 969, baptised about 985, crowned king of Hungary in 1000.*

*He ruled wisely in the country and did all he could for the establishment of the Church there. He died in 1038.*

## Tuesday – Week 20

### Collect:

O God, who have prepared for those who love You good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of Your love, so that, loving You in all things and above all things, we may attain Your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 19:23-30

### Today's prayer:

For the laughter of the children,  
For my own life breath,  
For the abundance of food on our table,  
For the ones with whom we live,  
For the roof over our heads,  
The clothes on our backs,  
For our health,  
And our wealth of blessings,  
For every opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,  
For the freedom to pray these words without fear,  
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen.

## Wednesday – Week 20

### Collect:

O God, who have prepared for those who love You good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of Your love, so that, loving You in all things and above all things, we may attain Your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 20:1-16

### Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father we thank You that You indeed are powerful and loving, that out of Your glorious riches You strengthen us through Your Holy Spirit.  
We ask You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, we ask for Your power and love to fill us.  
We thank You that Christ dwells richly within our hearts.  
We pray that You continue to strengthen our faith and lives with Your love.  
When the world shouts hate, help us to love.  
When the past won't let go, help us to love.  
When the enemy taunts with lies and surrounds us with darkness, help us to love. When a relationship feels broken or we're betrayed or rejected, help us to love.  
Help us to love, and to keep on loving. By the power of your Spirit. Even when it seems impossible.  
Even when it doesn't make sense.  
May our lives be filled with Your goodness and power, today and every day, as we walk in Your Spirit of love. Amen.

## Thursday – Week 20

St John Eudes

### Collect:

O God, who have prepared for those who love You good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of Your love, so that, loving You in all things and above all things, we may attain Your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 22:1-14

### Today's prayer:

O Lord, You have created me for Yourself, to love You and to enjoy You, infinite Good, ineffable Beauty; do not permit me to lose sight of this sublime end toward which I must tend; do not permit me to wander among the wretched satisfactions that vain, feeble creatures can offer me.  
O my Lord, what poor use I have made of creatures! Pardon me, O Lord! Henceforth I do not want to use anything unless it is for Your glory and according to Your holy will, as Your Son Jesus did.  
O my God, if in the past I have turned aside from You who are my Beginning, my End, and my supreme good; if I have turned toward myself and creatures, preferring their will and mine to Yours,  
I here and now promise to renounce, entirely and forever the world and myself, and to give myself wholly and forever to You.  
O my God, I give myself to You as my beginning; take complete possession of me. May I always abide in You!  
Be the beginning and end of all my actions.  
O my God, I give myself to You as my End, my Center, my supreme Good. Draw me to You!  
Make me tend continually toward You.  
Be my delight, my glory, my treasure, my all!

*A prayer of St John Eudes.*

*Born in Ri, Normandy, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1601, he was a French priest who founded the Order of Our Lady of Charity in 1641 and Congregation of Jesus and Mary in 1643. He died on 19<sup>th</sup> August 1680 in Caen.*

## Friday – St Bernard of Clairvaux

Abbot and Doctor of the Church

(St Bernard is sometimes referred to as ‘The Last of the Fathers’)

### Collect:

O God, who made of the Abbot Saint Bernard  
a man consumed with zeal for Your house  
and a light shining and burning in Your Church,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that we may be on fire with the same spirit  
and walk always as children of light.  
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 17:21-26

### Today’s Prayer:

Run, hasten, O Lady,  
and in your mercy help your sinful servant who calls upon you,  
and deliver them from the hands of the enemy.  
Who will not sigh to you?  
We sigh with love and grief, for we are oppressed on every side.  
How can we do other than sigh to you,  
O solace of the miserable, refuge of outcasts, ransom of captives?  
We are certain that when you see our miseries,  
your compassion will hasten to relieve us.  
O our Sovereign Lady and our Advocate, commend us to your Son.  
Grant, O blessed one, by the grace which you have merited,  
that He who through you  
was graciously pleased to become a partaker  
of our infirmity and misery,  
may also through your intercession,  
make us partakers of His happiness and glory. Amen.

*St Bernard (1090 Fontaines-les-Dijon, Burgundy - 20<sup>th</sup> August 1153,  
Clairvaux Abbey)*

## Saturday – St Pius the Tenth

Pope

### Collect:

O God, who to safeguard the Catholic faith  
and to restore all things in Christ, filled Pope Saint Pius the Tenth  
with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude,  
graciously grant that, following his teaching and example,  
we may gain an eternal prize.  
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 21:15-17

### Today’s prayer:

O most holy Virgin who found favour in God’s sight and became His Mother;  
O Virgin, immaculate in body and soul, in your faith and in your love,  
look down with pity on the wretched who in our need seek your powerful  
protection.  
The evil serpent on whom was cast the primal curse continues,  
to attack and ensnare all poor children of Eve.  
But you, our Blessed Mother, our Queen and our Advocate, the new Eve.  
you who from the first moment of your conception  
crushed the head of this cruel enemy,  
receive our prayers.  
United to you with one heart, we ask you to present them before the throne of God.  
May we never be caught in the snares around us,  
but rather may we all reach the harbour of salvation.  
Despite the awesome perils which threaten,  
may God’s Church and all Christian society  
sing out once again the hymn of deliverance, of victory and of peace. Amen.

*Pope St Pius X*

Saint Pius the Tenth, Pray for the world  
Saint Pius the Tenth, Pray for the Church  
Saint Pius the Tenth, Pray for me

*(St Pius X was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1835 at Riese  
he was elected Pope taking the name Pius on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1903  
and died on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1914 at the Apostolic Palace in Rome)*