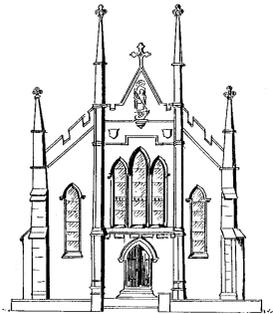


# DAILY PRAYERS WEEK 21



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## Sunday – Week 21

### Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 6:60-69

### Today's prayer:

God has created me to do Him some definite service.  
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.  
I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.  
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.  
He has not created me for naught.  
I shall do good; I shall do His work.  
I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place,  
while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.  
Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.  
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him,  
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.  
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.  
He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.  
He may take away my friends.  
He may throw me among strangers.  
He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

*St John Henry Newman*

## Monday – Week 21

St Rose of Lima

### Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 23:13-22

### Today's prayer:

Glorious St Rose of Lima, you who knew what it was to love Jesus with such a fine and generous heart. You, whom since infancy, despised the world's vanities in order to embrace His Cross. You who loved, with unflinching devotion, our Heavenly Mother and professed a great tender dedication to the destitute, serving them the same way Jesus did. Teach us to imitate your greatest virtues, so that we, following your example, can enjoy your glorious protection in Heaven. For Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen

*St Rose of Lima (born Isabel Flores de Oliva) 20<sup>th</sup> April 1586 – 24<sup>th</sup> August 1617. St Rose was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in Lima. She became known for both her life of cultivation of beauty and her care of the poverty stricken of the city through her own private efforts.*

St Rose of Lima, Pray for us

## Tuesday – St Bartholomew

Apostle

### Collect:

Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith, by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew clung wholeheartedly to Your Son, and grant that through the help of his prayers Your Church may become for all the nations the sacrament of salvation. 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 1:45-51

### Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus, Saint Bartholomew's greatest desire was to know the truth. When first informed about You, his initial reaction was, "How can anything good come from Nazareth?" But as soon as he met You, he wanted to become one of Your disciples. You said of him, "Here is a man in whom there is no deception." I ask him to pray against the deceptions that are influencing me and the people I know. Help us to experience Your affirmation when we are honest, give us courage to resist lying as a means of self-protection, and inspire our minds to recognise the truth when we hear it.

Saint Bartholomew, Pray for us.

## Wednesday – Week 21

St Louis IX, King of France  
St Joseph Calasanz

### Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant Your people to love what You command  
and to desire what You promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
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 23:27-32

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer For a Child

May the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity  
and all the saints protect you from every evil.  
And may the Lord give you the grace to do His will  
so that He may be served and honoured through you,  
that in the next life we may  
together come to see Him, love Him  
and praise Him unceasingly. Amen.

*St. Louis, King of France*

*(25<sup>th</sup> April 1214 Poissy – 25<sup>th</sup> August 1270 near Tunis [now in Tunisia])*

*He took his fatherhood seriously and strove to be not only a good king,  
but also an exceptional dad. He wrote a very beautiful letter to his son.*

*This prayer comes from the end of that letter and can be adapted  
and used by any dad, or parent, to call down God's graces upon their  
children.*

St Louis, Pray for us

St Joseph Calasanz, Pray for us

## Thursday – Week 21

Blessed Dominic Barberi

### Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant Your people to love what You command  
and to desire what You promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
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 24:42-51

### Today's prayer:

Lord, give me courage I pray,  
to open my mouth and speak the truth  
to whomsoever I may come into contact.  
Release my tongue and allow me to speak forth what is in my heart,  
to Your praise and glory.  
Lord, I know that without You I can do nothing,  
but I also believe that I can do all things through Christ  
Who gives me the strength and courage.  
Lord, use my life I pray,  
and give me the courage to be a good and faithful witness to Jesus,  
in word and in deed, to His praise and glory.

Mary, Mother of Hope, Pray for us

St John Henry Newman, Pray for us

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us

*Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God C.P. (1792-1849) Apostle to  
England – he died at 3pm on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1849 at Reading, Berkshire of a  
heart attack. Blessed Dominic was an Italian, a member of the Passionist  
Congregation and was extremely prominent in spreading Catholicism in  
England. He was a very positive influence on and instrumental in,  
the conversion of St Cardinal John Henry Newman*

## Friday – St Monica

Mother of St Augustine

### Collect:

O God, who console the sorrowful  
and who mercifully accepted  
the motherly tears of Saint Monica  
for the conversion of her son Augustine,  
grant us, through the intercession of them both,  
that we may bitterly regret our sins  
and find the grace of Your pardon.  
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:** Luke 7:11-17

### Today's Prayer:

A Prayer For Mothers

Exemplary Mother of the great Augustine,  
you perseveringly pursued your wayward son  
not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven.  
Intercede for all mothers and fathers in our day  
so that they may learn to draw their children to God.  
Teach them how to remain close to their children,  
even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen.

A Prayer For Children

Great St. Monica, patroness of mothers and fathers,  
please take our children, especially those who have turned  
from the ways of God and His Church, under your protection.  
Help them always remain faithful to their baptismal vows.  
Give them strength to walk always in the ways of the Lord,  
despite the temptations and false values they find in the world today.  
Grant that they may share with you  
in the joys of eternal life in God. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of Jesus, Pray for us  
St Monica, Pray for us

*St Monica (332 Souk Ahras, Algeria - 387 Ostia Antica, Italy)*

## Saturday – St Augustine

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Collect:

Renew in Your Church, we pray, O Lord,  
the spirit with which You endowed  
Your Bishop Saint Augustine  
that, filled with the same spirit,  
we may thirst for You,  
the sole fount of true wisdom,  
and seek You, the author of heavenly love.  
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 23:8-12

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Deceased Mothers

“O my Praise and my Life...  
... You who hung upon the Tree and who now sit at the Father's right hand  
making intercession for us.  
I know that she acted in mercy, and from the heart forgave her debtors their debts.  
I ask You also to forgive her debts,  
whatever she contracted during so many years since the water of salvation.  
Forgive her, O Lord, forgive her, I beseech You;  
enter not into judgment with her.  
Let Your mercy be exalted above Your justice,  
for Your words are true  
and You have promised mercy to the merciful,  
that the merciful shall obtain mercy.  
This is Your gift, that You have mercy on those whom You will  
and You will have compassion on those on whom You have compassion.  
Indeed, I believe You have already done what I ask of You,  
but accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord.”

St Augustine, Pray for us

*St Augustine (354 Thagaste, Algeria -430 Hippo Regius, Algeria)  
This prayer for deceased mothers, is an excerpt from St Augustine's  
'Confessions' where he prays for his beloved deceased mother,  
St Monica. It can be prayed for deceased mothers.*