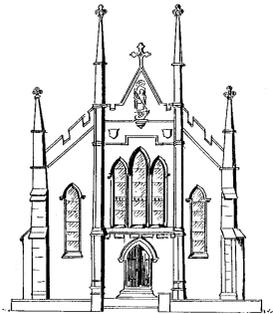


# DAILY PRAYERS WEEK 26



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## Sunday – Week 26

### Collect:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, our grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain Your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 9:38-43,45,47-48

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for God's Mercy

O my Lord, full of love,  
I have done many things in my life  
that are not in Your plan for me.  
I accept that I have committed many sins.  
I accept too that I forgot You and set my heart on my own will  
and kept on sinning.  
My sins remind me that I have disobeyed You.  
I am ashamed of these sins.  
I ask You to treat me not according to my deeds,  
but according to Your love.  
Wash away my sins with Your love and cleanse me.  
You are my living hope and my refuge.  
Lord forgive this to unworthy servant.  
I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Monday – St Vincent de Paul

Priest

### Collect:

O God, who for the relief of the poor  
and the formation of the clergy  
endowed the Priest Saint Vincent de Paul  
with apostolic virtues,  
grant, we pray, that, afire with that same spirit,  
we may love what he loved  
and put into practice what he taught.  
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 9:35-38

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach us to be generous;  
To give without counting the cost;  
To return good for evil;  
To serve without expecting some reward;  
To draw closer to those whom we find repulsive;  
To do good to those who cannot reciprocate;  
To love generously;  
To work without being concerned about rest;  
To be solely concerned about giving;  
To give our whole self;  
To give to those who need us,  
Hoping to receive only You, Lord, as our reward.

*A prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola*

Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for the poor and the homeless  
Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for those who work in the SVP  
Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us all that we may be generous is serving  
the poor and the needy.

## Tuesday – Week 26

St Wenceslaus, Martyr

Sts Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

### Collect:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, our grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain Your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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 9:51-56

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer of Witness

God of hope and courage,  
You call each of us to bear witness to Your abundant love in a frightened  
world.  
All around us are signs the world is struggling and the future is unclear.  
Strengthen our confidence in Your unfailing grace  
and grant us the courage to move onward  
even when we cannot see the way,  
knowing that You will guide our every step. Amen.

St Wenceslaus, Martyr for Christ, Pray for us

St Lawrence Ruiz and your Companions, Martyrs for Christ, Pray for us

## Wednesday – Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Archangels

### Collect:

O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to You in heaven. 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 1:47-51

### Today's prayer:

Prayer to the Archangels

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

**Saint Michael** is our protector;  
I ask him to come to my aid,  
fight for all my loved ones,  
and protect us from danger.

**Saint Gabriel** is a messenger of the Good News;  
I ask him to help me  
clearly hear Your voice  
and to teach me the truth.

**Saint Raphael** is the healing angel;  
I ask him to take my need for healing  
and that of everyone I know,  
lift it up to Your throne of grace  
and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord,  
to realise more fully the reality of the archangels  
and their desire to serve us in serving You.  
Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

## Thursday – St Jerome

Priest

### Collect:

O God, who gave the Priest Saint Jerome a living and tender love for Sacred Scripture, grant that Your people may be ever more fruitfully nourished by Your Word and find in it the fount of life. 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 13:47-52

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer of Saint Jerome before Confession

O Lord show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart.

I am like the man on the way to Jericho  
who was overtaken by robbers,  
wounded and left for dead.

O Good Samaritan come to my aid.

I am like the sheep that went astray.

O Good Shepherd seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your will.  
Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life  
and praise You for ever and ever  
with those who are there. Amen.

*Saint Jerome, (342 Stridon - 420 Bethlehem) was one of the four original Western doctors of the Church. He is perhaps best known for translating the Bible from Greek into Latin). A remarkable scholar and a sometimes prickly man, Saint Jerome nevertheless believed deeply in the mercy of Christ, as this prayer above shows.*

## Friday – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

### Collect:

O God, who open Your Kingdom  
to those who are humble and to little ones,  
lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of Saint Thérèse,  
so that through her intercession  
we may see Your eternal glory revealed.  
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 18:1-4

### Today's Prayer:

God who opens Your Kingdom to the small and humble,  
help me to walk in confidence  
in the footsteps of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
to thereby obtain the revelation of Your glory.  
Through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

St Thérèse, Little Flower, Pray for us

St Thérèse, Daughter of Carmel, Pray for us

St Thérèse, Patroness of Missionaries, Pray for us

*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

*'The Little Flower'*

*(2<sup>nd</sup> January 1873 · Alençon – 30<sup>th</sup> September 1897 · Lisieux*

## Saturday – The Holy Guardian Angels

### Collect:

O God, who in Your unfathomable providence  
are pleased to send Your holy Angels to guard us,  
hear our supplication as we cry to You,  
that we may always be defended by their protection  
and rejoice eternally in their company.  
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 18:1-5,10

### Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
Your infinite love for us has chosen blessed angels in Heaven  
and appointed them as our guide during this earthly pilgrimage.  
Accept our thanks for so great a blessing.  
Grant that we may experience the assistance  
of our holy protector in all our necessities.  
And you, holy, loving angel and guide,  
watch over us with all the tenderness of your angelic heart.  
Keep us always on the way that leads to Heaven,  
and cease not to pray for us  
until we have attained our final destiny, eternal salvation.  
Then we shall love You for all eternity.  
We shall praise and glorify You unceasingly  
for all the good You have done for us while here on earth.  
Especially be a faithful and watchful protector of our children.  
Take our place, and supply what may be wanting to us  
through human frailty, short-sightedness, or sinful neglect.  
Lighten, O you perfect servants of God, our heavy task.  
Guide our children,  
that they may become like Jesus,  
may imitate Him faithfully,  
and persevere till they attain eternal life. Amen