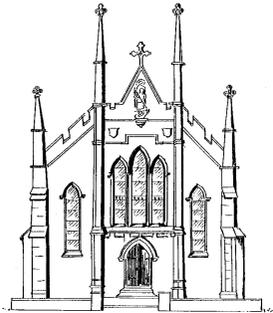


DAILY PRAYERS CHRIST THE KING



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Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in Your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render Your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim Your praise.
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 18:33b-37

Today's prayer:

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.
Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.
Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.
Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We trust in Your Great Mercy.
O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.

Monday – St Cecilia

Virgin and Martyr

Collect:

O God, who gladden us each year
with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia,
grant, we pray,
that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her
may offer us examples to imitate
and proclaim the wonders worked in His servants
by 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 25:1-13

Today's prayer:

A Prayer to St Cecilia – Patron Saint of musicians and singers

O glorious Saint Cecilia, who chose to die
instead of denying your King.
We pray you please to help us
as His fair praise we sing!
We lift our hearts in joyous song
to honour Him this way.
And while we sing, remembering
to sing is to doubly pray.
At once in our hearts and our
tongues we offer double prayer
Sent heavenward on winged notes
to praise God dwelling there.
While with our hearts and tongues
we try with song to praise God twice.
We ask dear Saint to help us be
united close with Christ!

St Cecilia, Pray for us

Cecilia was given for marriage by her parents to Valerian. She told her husband the secret that she has an angel protecting her from being touched by anybody. In order to see the angel he believed in God and was baptized. She spent the rest of her life converting several people to Christianity. She was arrested and was condemned to be sacrificed; to suffocate in the baths of the city. However, she survived and was sentenced to be beheaded. After three strikes she was only injured but didn't die immediately, she died three days later on 22nd November 230.

Tuesday – Week 34

St Clement I, Pope and Martyr

St Columban, Abbot

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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 21:5-11

Today's prayer:

In The Name Of The Whole Christian People.

We beg You, Master, be our help and strength.
Save those among us who are oppressed, have pity on the lowly and lift up the fallen.
Heal the sick, bring back the straying, and feed the hungry.
Release those in prison, steady those who falter, and strengthen the fainthearted.
Let all nations come to know You, the one God, with Your Son Jesus Christ,
and us Your people and sheep of Your pasture.
Do not keep count of the sins of Your servants,
but purify us through the bath of Your truth and direct our steps.
Help us to walk in holiness of heart,
and to do what is good and pleasing in your eyes and in the eyes of our rulers.
Master, let Your face shine on us to grant us every good in peace,
protect us by Your powerful hand,
deliver us from every evil by the might of Your arm.
Grant us and all who dwell on this earth peace and harmony, O Lord. Amen.

by Pope St Clement I, also known as Clement of Rome.

He is listed by Irenaeus and Tertullian as Bishop of Rome, holding office from 88 until his death in 99. It is said that Clement was ordained by St Peter. The early church lists of popes place him as the second or third bishop of Rome after St Peter.

St Columban or Columbanus (Born c540 in Navan, Ireland) He was an Irish missionary notable for founding a number of monasteries after 590 in the Frankish and Lombard kingdoms including Luxeuil Abbey in France and Bobbio Abbey in Italy where he died in 615

Wednesday – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions

Martyrs

Collect:

O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his companions faithful to the Cross of Your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant, through their intercession, that, spreading Your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be Your children both in name and in truth. 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 10:28-33

Today's prayer:

A Prayer to the Vietnamese Martyrs

O Vietnamese Martyrs, with the Grace of God, you had victoriously implanted the mustard seed of Faith that grew into the Church of Vietnam. Your courageous sacrifice had reserved your Heavenly rest. United with you, we offer our gratitudes and thanks to God and the Holy Mother, for all of your martyrdom and your lives that we now celebrate. We beseech you to follow your Faith in humility, charity and love. When we are in despair and danger, please aid and console us in fulfilling the Father's Will and carry our crosses to Eternal Glory. Amen.

O all you holy Vietnamese Martyrs, Pray for us and for your native land

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions. St Andrew Dung-Lac, was a convert, ordained to the priesthood, and was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. His companions gave their lives for Christ in the 17th – 19th centuries and were beatified in four groups between 1900 and 1951.

Thursday – Week 34

St Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies Your kindness bestows. 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: Lk 21:20-28

Today's prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, with lively faith and reverent worship, I bow before You and invoke, with absolute trust, Your supreme power and mercy. Illumine the darkness of my mind with a ray of Your heavenly light and inflame my heart with the fire of Your Divine love, so that I may contemplate the great virtues and merits of Saint Catherine of Alexandria in whose honour I make this prayer, and following her example imitate, like her, the life of Your Divine Son. Moreover, I beseech You to graciously grant, through the merits and intercession of St Catherine, the petition that I humbly place before You today, devoutly acknowledging, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

(Make your request of the Lord...)

Merciful God, graciously grant my request, if it is for Your greater honour and glory, and the salvation of my soul.

St Catherine, Pray for us

St Catherine of Alexandria, or Saint Catherine of the Wheel, was, according to tradition, martyred in the early 4th century at the hands of the emperor Maxentius. According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar who became a Christian around the age of 14, converted hundreds of people to Christianity and was martyred around the age of 18. More than 1,100 years after Catherine's martyrdom, St Joan of Arc identified her as one of the saints who appeared to and counselled her.

Friday – Week 34

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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 21:29-33

Today's Prayer:

Almighty Father,
We thank You for Your great salvation plan for mankind
and for the gift of Your beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
He came into this world as a living sacrifice.
In all His time on Earth,
He laid His life upon Your will,
and loved and served the world.
We pray Father,
that we become great examples of our Lord Jesus.
May we love and serve those around us
especially those who need our services and offerings of love.
Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You and we glorify You.
We give You thanks for Your great Love.
We praise You, for You came to fulfill the Father's will.
In Your great love,
You saved us from sin and condemnation,
we thank You for this
and for the very many blessings You have gained for us.

Saturday – Week 34

Collect:

Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Lk 21:29-33 God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Lk 21:34-36

Today's prayer:

*Today is the last day of the Church's liturgical year.
Tomorrow a new year begins with the Season of Advent.*

O God, the beginning, and the end of all things,
You are always the same, and whose years fail not,
we now, at the close of another year, come in adoration before You,
and offer You our deepest thanks for the fatherly care
with which You have watched over us,
for the many times You have protected us from evils of soul and body,
and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual,
which You have showered upon us.
May it please You, Lord, to accept the homage of our grateful hearts
which we offer You in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Your divine
Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Glory be to the Father...