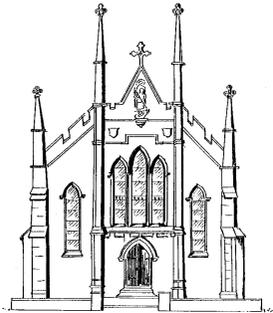


DAILY PRAYERS FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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Sunday – Lent Week 4

Collect:

O God, who through Your Word
reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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 15:1-3, 11-32

Today's prayer: A Prayer for Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers
and for all the women who have joined with you
in the wonder of bringing forth new life.
You who became human through a woman,
grant to all mothers the courage they need
to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.
Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return,
not perfectly, but humanly.
Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends
as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.
Give them joy and delight in their children
to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.
Most of all, give them the wisdom
to turn to You for help when they need it most.

We pray for those who mourn, particularly mothers of those who have died in war:

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
with the comfort of Your love
that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty
that nothing can destroy
the good that has been given.
May their memories become joyful,
their days enriched with friendship,
and their lives encircled by Your love.

Monday – Lent Week 4

Collect:

O God, who renew the world
through mysteries beyond all telling,
grant, we pray, that Your Church may be guided by Your eternal design
and not be deprived of Your help in this present age.
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 4:43-54

Today's prayer:

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine
and those who stand with them today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all Your precious children,
at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Tuesday – Lent Week 4

Collect:

May the venerable exercises of holy devotion
shape the hearts of Your faithful, O Lord,
to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery
and proclaim the praises of Your 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 5:1-16

Today's prayer:

A Simple Act of Faith, Hope and Love

Jesus, I believe in You.

Jesus, I hope in You.

Jesus, I love You.

Wednesday – Lent Week 4

Collect:

O God, who reward the merits of the just
and offer pardon to sinners who do penance,
have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon You,
that the admission of our guilt
may serve to obtain Your pardon for our sins.
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 5:17-30

Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Peace and Calm

Dear Lord and Father of humankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 – 1892)

Thursday – Lent Week 4

Collect:

We invoke Your mercy in humble prayer, O Lord,
that You may cause us, Your servants,
corrected by penance and schooled by good works,
to persevere sincerely in Your commands
and come safely to the Paschal festivities.
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 5:31-47

Today's prayer:

Daily Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to Your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of Your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with Your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Friday – Lent Week 4

Collect:

O God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way 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: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Today's prayer:

Prayer before the Crucifix

Behold, O good and sweetest Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Your sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech You to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm desire of amendment. Whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I consider within myself and mentally contemplate Your five most precious wounds, having before my eyes that which David, the prophet, long ago spoke concerning You, "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for the Holy Father's intentions

Saturday – Lent Week 4

St Francis of Paola, Religious:

Patron saint of boatmen, mariners, and naval officers

Collect:

May the working of Your mercy, O Lord, we pray, direct our hearts aright, for without Your grace we cannot find favour in Your sight. 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 7:40-53

Today's prayer:

The 'Memorare'

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we turn to you,

O Virgins of virgins, our Mother.

To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,

do not despise our petitions, but in your mercy hear us and answer us. Amen.

The 'Memorare' (from the Latin "Remember") is frequently misattributed to the 12th-century Cistercian monk Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, apparently due to confusion with its 17th-century popularizer, Father Claude Bernard, who stated that he learned it from his own father.

Jesus, light of the world

You promised to be always with us.

Be with our sisters and brothers now, dispelling the darkness of this crisis.

Compel us to be with them too

in thought, prayer and solidarity,

responding to their suffering

with the same compassion you have shown us.

We make this prayer in the firm faith

that Your light shines in the darkness

and the darkness cannot overcome it. Amen