

## 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;

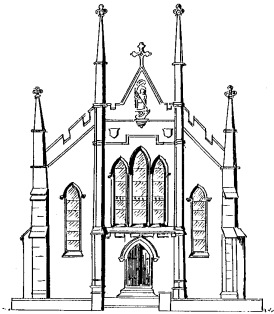
grant that we, being helped by the Virgin Mary, may attain to the joys of eternal life.

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.*

# DAILY PRAYERS

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WEEK 20



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## Monday – 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 19:16-22

### Today's prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by gifts of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever enjoy His consolation, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## Tuesday – Week 20

St Stephen of Hungary

*Patron saint of Hungary, the protector of kings, masons, stonecutters, stonemasons and bricklayers, and also of children suffering from severe illnesses.*

### 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:

Be merciful to all who are suffering violence, keeping always in your heart the example of the Lord who said, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'

*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.*

## 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

### 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:

God of Goodness,  
I come into Your presence  
so aware of my human frailty  
and yet overwhelmed by Your love for me.  
I thank You that there is no human experience t  
hat I might walk through where Your love cannot reach me.  
If I climb the highest mountain  
You are there  
and yet if I find myself in the darkest valley of my life,  
You are there.  
Teach me today to love You more.  
Help me to rest in that love that asks nothing more  
than the simple trusting heart of a child.

## Friday – Week 20

St John Eudes

*Patron Saint of Missionaries and the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.*

### 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 22:34-40

### Today's prayer:

O Heart all loveable and all loving of my Saviour,  
be the Heart of my heart,  
the Soul of my soul,  
the Spirit of my spirit,  
the Life of my life  
and the sole principle of all my thoughts, words and actions,  
of all the faculties of my soul  
and of all my senses,  
both interior and exterior. Amen.

*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.*

## Saturday – St Bernard of Clairvaux

Abbot and Doctor of the Church

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

*Patron saint of the Cistercians, Burgundy, beekeepers, candlemakers and Gibraltar*

### 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.

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