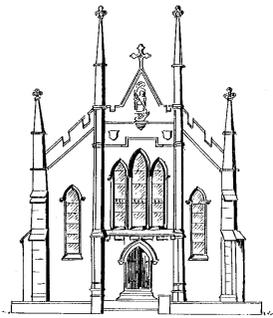


DAILY PRAYERS CHRIST THE KING



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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: Lk 23:35-43

Today's prayer:

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge You as universal King.
All that has been made has been created for You.
Exercise all Your rights over me.
I renew my Baptismal Vows.
I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works;
I promise to live as a good Christian.
And, in particular I pledge myself
to work to the best of my ability,
for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church.
Divine Heart of Jesus, to You I offer my poor services,
laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship,
and so the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole
universe. Amen.

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to combat the disturbing growth of secular as well as atheistic thinking around the world. Many rulers and elites in various countries had fallen dangerously prey to the notion that mankind could manage without God. They sought to relegate God to an insignificant role in public life or to no role at all.

When we remove God out of our lives our world becomes more turbulent and dangerous, not less, as we wind up worshipping the false Gods of money, power, and fame instead. As St James said in his New Testament letter "where there is envy and contentiousness there is instability and every wicked deed" (James 3:16).

Monday – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect:

As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. 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 12:46-50

Today's prayer:

A prayer to Our Lady to celebrate the Feast of her Presentation in the Temple, by St Alphonsus Liguori from 'the Glories of Mary'

O holy Lady know that already through your prayers the Son of God is hastening to come and redeem the world, and know that you are the blessed one chosen to be the Mother of God. Most holy Child, you pray for all, pray also for me. You consecrated yourself wholly to the love of God. Obtain for me that I too may live for God alone. Today, together with you, I consecrate myself to the love of my Lord. I also offer myself to you, my queen to serve you forever. Accept me for your own and obtain for me the grace to be faithful to you and to your Son, so that I may come one day to praise thee and love you in paradise. Amen.

The celebration of the feast is believed to have originated in 543 with the dedication of a basilica built by the Emperor Justinian to honour Mary. The first documented celebration of the feast was in an 11th-century calendar of the Byzantine Emperor Basil II. Pope Sixtus IV extended its celebration to the universal church in 1472. In the 1974 encyclical 'Marialis Cultus' Pope Saint Paul VI wrote that the feast, "Despite its apocryphal content... presents lofty and exemplary values and carries on the venerable traditions having their origins in the Eastern churches." The Feast of the Presentation demonstrates that Mary led a contemplative life as well as an active one. According to tradition, she spent her early years in service to God, which prepared her for her role in the story of Divine Redemption.

Tuesday – St Cecilia

Virgin and Martyr - Patron Saint of musicians and singers

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:

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

Wednesday - Week 34

St Clement I, Pope and Martyr; *Patron saint of mariners*
St Columban, Abbot; *Patron saint of motorcyclists!*

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 21:12-19

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.

*a prayer 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.*

Thursday – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions

Martyrs; *Patron Saints of Vietnam*

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.

Friday – Week 34

St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; *Patron saint of young girls, students, philosophers, and craftsmen working with wheels!*

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 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.

Saturday – Week 34

Collect:

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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...