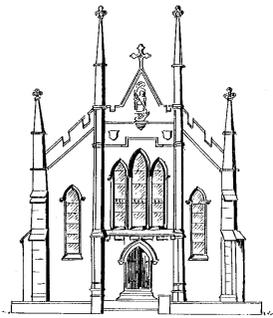


# DAILY PRAYERS LENT WEEK FOUR



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**Sunday - Lent Week 4** (Year A)

**Mother's Day**

**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,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 9:1-41

**Today's prayer:**

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord, whom you serve, for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for saying "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all mothers. Ask your Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving Him their own 'yes.' May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for all mothers who have recourse to you particularly those mothers who are suffering at this time.

Hail Mary...

Mary, Mother of Christ, Pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.

Mary, Mother of all who suffer, Pray for us.

## Monday – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(transferred from Sunday)*

### Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that by Saint Joseph's intercession  
Your Church may constantly watch over  
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,  
whose beginnings You entrusted to his faithful care.  
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 2:41-51a

### Today's prayer:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,  
whose power makes the impossible possible,  
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.  
Take under your protection the serious  
and troubling situations that I commend to you,  
that they may have a happy outcome.  
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.  
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,  
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,  
show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Pray for us

St Joseph, Stepfather of Jesus, Pray for us

St Joseph, Protector of the Church, Pray for us

*Every day, for more than 40 years, following his morning prayers, Pope Francis has recited this prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.*

## 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,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 5:1-16

### Today's prayer:

God who created me,  
You offer me new life through Your Son  
and through the gift of Your sacraments.  
While I see new life all around me,  
I don't always recognize the new life You offer me.  
Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness  
of the gifts You place in my life  
and in a greater appreciation for Your care.  
Give me the courage to ask for help.

## 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,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 5:17-30

### Today's prayer:

Loving and merciful God,  
I am so aware of my sins and weaknesses.  
But as painfully aware of my faults as I am,  
Let me also remember Your tender love,  
Your gentle and limitless forgiveness.  
I come before You filled with pain and guilt  
but look into Your eyes and see the forgiving love  
I so long for in my life.  
Help me to forgive the same way.  
Teach me to love as You love.

## Thursday - Lent Week 4

St Turibus of Mongrovejo

*Patron saint of native people's rights, Latin American bishops and of Peru.*

### 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:** John 5:31-47

### Today's prayer:

Saint Turibius,  
you were a true shepherd  
whose primary concern was the salvation of every soul.  
You devoted yourself wholeheartedly to that mission.  
Please pray for me, that I may imitate you  
and become a better instrument of the Gospel,  
reaching people in ways that will more fully open their hearts to Christ.

Saint Turibius, Pray for us.

*Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo (16<sup>th</sup> November 1538, Mayorga, Spain - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1606, Saña District, Peru) was a Spanish prelate who served as the Archbishop of Lima from 1579 until his death. He first studied in the humanities and law before serving as a professor and later as the Grand Inquisitor at the behest of King Philip II.*

## 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, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Today's prayer:

Loving God of forgiveness,  
I come before You humbled and sad  
in the face of my own repeated failings.  
I hold out my hands as a petitioner would,  
asking for mercy.  
It is then that I feel You reach out and take my hand  
in Your loving grasp.  
Thank You for the love You pour out on me so lavishly.  
Help me to follow more closely  
in the path You have set for me,  
the path of Your Son.

## Saturday – The Annunciation of the Lord

### Collect:

O God, who willed that Your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in His divine nature. 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 1:26-38

**Today's prayer: The Angelus** (*this daily prayer is especially important today*)

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary ...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
Be it done unto me according to Your word.  
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:  
And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord

Our Lady, Mother of the Word made flesh, Pray for us