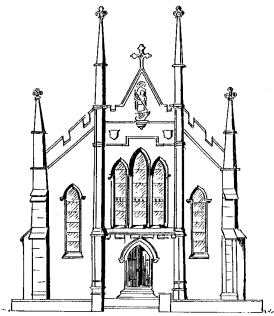


# DAILY PRAYERS EASTER WEEK 4



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## Sunday Easter Week 4

### Good Shepherd Sunday

#### Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** John 10:1-10

**Today's prayer:** A Prayer to Jesus the Good Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd,  
You are not a hireling who runs away at the sight of danger,  
but Your fidelity was tested  
and proven on the wood of the Cross.  
Accept the gift of our gratitude  
for Your marvelous care.  
Help us to hear and follow Your voice.

Watchful Shepherd,  
who protects the flock  
and searches tirelessly  
for those who wander from the fold,  
retrieve the lost and bring them home.  
Tend and heal their wounds.

Good Shepherd,  
who lays down His Life for His sheep,  
nourish Your people with the Bread of Life,  
that we may reflect Your likeness  
and enjoy the spring of Living Water that never ends. Amen.

For and parents and families, We pray to the Lord  
For those preparing for marriage, We pray to the Lord  
For all married people, We pray to the Lord  
For bishops, priests and deacons, We pray to the Lord  
For all religious sisters and brothers, We pray to the Lord  
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, We pray to the Lord

## Monday – St Joseph the Worker

### Collect:

O God, Creator of all things,  
who laid down for the human race the law of work,  
graciously grant  
that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage  
we may complete the works You set us to do  
and attain the rewards You promise.  
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 13:54-58

### Today's prayer:

St Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow,  
you supported Jesus and Mary,  
and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.  
Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance,  
for God and for those whom God has given me to support.  
Teach me to see in my fellow workers  
the Christ who desires to be in them,  
that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.  
Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith,  
so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity  
and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.  
When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it.  
And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God,  
in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. Amen.

St Joseph, Pray for us

## Tuesday – St Athanasius of Alexandria

### Bishop and Doctor of the Church

*patron saint of theologians*

### Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,  
who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius  
as an outstanding champion of Your Son's divinity,  
mercifully grant,  
that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection,  
we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of You.  
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 10:22-25

### Today's prayer:

It is becoming for you, O Mary, to be mindful of us,  
as you stand near Him who bestowed upon you all graces,  
for you are the Mother of God and our Queen.  
Come to our aid for the sake of the King,  
the Lord God and Master who was born of You.  
For this reason you are called "full of grace."  
Be mindful of us, most holy Virgin,  
and bestow on us gifts from the riches of your graces,  
O Virgin full of grace.

*(St Athanasius died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 373 Alexandria, Egypt)*

*Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church.  
He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of  
Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine.  
The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.*

## Wednesday – St Philip & St James the Less

### Apostles

*St Philip, patron saint of Hat makers, Pastry Chefs, Luxembourg and Uruguay  
St James, patron saint of Apothecaries, Druggists, Dying people, Fullers, Hat makers,  
Milliners, Pharmacists, Equestrian, Veterinarians, SpainUruguay*

### Collect:

O God, who gladden us each year  
with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James,  
grant us, through their prayers,  
a share in the Passion and Resurrection  
of Your Only Begotten Son,  
so that we may merit to behold You for eternity.  
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 14:6-14

### Today's prayer:

Almighty God,  
You built Your Church upon the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ Himself as the chief cornerstone:  
so join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching  
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You;  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Philip, Pray for us  
St James, Pray for us

## Thursday - Feast of the English Martyrs

### Collect:

Almighty God,  
who in our country raised up martyrs from every walk of life  
to vindicate the authority of your Church  
in teaching and worship, grant through their intercession,  
we pray, that all our people  
may be gathered once again  
to celebrate the same sacraments  
under the one Shepherd,  
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 10:17-20

### Today's prayer:

To the English Martyrs

O Glorious English Martyrs,  
you readily forgave those who persecuted you,  
and offered your sufferings for their conversion.  
Intercede for us to have something of the same spirit  
in the face of injustice or persecution.  
We pray especially for (*add your own intention*).

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be...

Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us  
St John Boste, Pray for us  
All Holy Martyrs of England and Wales, Pray for us

## Friday Easter Week 4

### Collect:

O God, author of our freedom and of our salvation,  
listen to the voice of our pleading  
and grant that those You have redeemed  
by the shedding of Your Son's Blood  
may have life through You  
and, under Your protection,  
rejoice for ever unharmed.  
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 14:1-6

### Today's prayer:

Prayer Before the Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus  
while before Your face I humbly kneel  
and, with burning soul,  
pray and beseech You  
to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments  
of faith, hope, and charity;  
true contrition for my sins,  
and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate,  
with great love and tender pity,  
Your five most precious wounds,  
pondering over them within me  
and calling to mind the words which David,  
Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus:

"They have pierced My hands and My feet,  
they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

Save us, Saviour of the World,  
For by Your Cross and Resurrection  
You have set us free!

## Saturday Easter Week 4

### Collect:

O God, who in the celebration of Easter  
graciously give to the world  
the healing of heavenly remedies,  
show benevolence to Your Church,  
that our present observance  
may benefit us for eternal 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 14:7-14

**Today's prayer:** A Prayer to Mary

Assist me by the wings of your prayers,  
O you who are called the Mother of the living,  
so that on my exit from this valley of tears  
I may be able to advance without torment  
to the dwelling of life that has been prepared for us  
to lighten the end of a life burdened by my iniquity.

Healer of the sorrows of Eve,  
change my day of anguish into a feast of gladness.  
Be my Advocate; ask and supplicate.

For as I believe in your inexpressible purity,  
so do I also believe in the good reception that is given to your word.  
O you who are blessed among women,  
help me with your tears for I am in danger.

Bend the knee to obtain my reconciliation, O Mother of God.  
Be caring of me for I am in need of your love, O Tabernacle of the Most High.  
Hold out your hand to me as I fall, O heavenly Temple.

Glorify your Son in me: may He be pleased to operate divinely in me  
the miracle of forgiveness and mercy.

Handmaid and Mother of God, may your honour be exalted by me,  
and may my salvation be manifested through you. Amen.

*Saint Gregory of Narek (951 – 1003) - an Armenian monk,  
poet, mystical philosopher, theologian, and composer.*