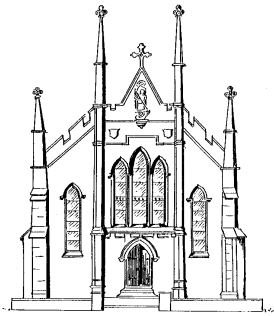


# DAILY PRAYERS EASTER WEEK 5



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## Sunday - Easter Week 5

### **Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those You were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under Your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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 14:1-12

### **Today's prayer:**

Creator God,  
Because of Your abundant love  
You chose to bring light and order into the formless void,  
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty  
and You saw that it was good.  
We ask that You continue to recreate the world  
with that same attentive love,  
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness  
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of Your creation.  
Replenish our hearts  
so that we too can renew the face of the Earth.  
Amen.

## Monday - Easter Week 5

### Collect:

May Your right hand, O Lord, we pray,  
encompass Your family with perpetual help,  
so that, defended from all wickedness  
by the Resurrection of Your Only Begotten Son,  
we may make our way by means of Your heavenly gifts.  
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 14:21-26

### Today's prayer:

A Prayer for Community Spirit

God our Father,  
teach us to live together  
in love and peace,  
to check all bitterness,  
to disown discouragement,  
to practise thanksgiving,  
and to leap with joy to any task for others.  
Strengthen the good things thus begun,  
that with gallant and high-hearted happiness  
we may look for Your kingdom.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Tuesday - Easter Week 5

### Collect:

O God, who restore us to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of Christ,  
grant Your people constancy in faith and hope,  
that we may never doubt the promises  
of which we have learned from 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:** John 14:27-31a

### Today's prayer:

Jesus not only teaches us but shows us, particularly in the washing of His disciples feet, how to serve one another:

“Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”  
If only it were otherwise.  
If only I could present my credentials,  
show my record of service,  
get some kind of unlimited pass.  
In every area of my life  
I am more used to proving how adequate I am,  
presenting a polished image, gaining certain privileges.  
But You, Lord,  
You bring me down to where You are kneeling,  
and take hold of the feet I prefer to hide.  
We are here together, near the ground,  
and in this humble position  
I am touched by You and made clean.

*Ann Siddall.*

## Wednesday - Easter Week 5

*St John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Patron Saint of Andalusia and Spanish clergy.*

### **Collect:**

O God, restorer, and lover of innocence,  
direct the hearts of Your servants towards Yourself,  
that those You have set free from the darkness of unbelief  
may never stray from the light of Your 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:** John 15:1-8

### **Today's prayer:**

Almighty and eternal God,  
who gave Your holy Church blessed John of Avila as Doctor,  
grant that what he taught when moved by the divine Spirit  
may always stay firm in our hearts;  
and, as by Your gift we embrace him as our patron,  
may we also have him as our defender to entreat Your mercy.  
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.

St John of Avila, pray for us

*John of Ávila (6<sup>th</sup> January 1499, Almodóvar del Campo - 10<sup>th</sup> May 1569,  
Montilla, Spain) was a Spanish priest, preacher, scholastic author, and  
religious mystic, who has been declared a saint and Doctor of the Church.  
He is called the "Apostle of Andalusia", for his extensive ministry in that  
region.*

## Thursday - Easter Week 5

### **Collect:**

O God, by whose grace,  
though sinners, we are made just  
and, though pitiable, made blessed,  
stand, we pray, by your works,  
stand by your gifts,  
that those justified by faith  
may not lack the courage of perseverance.  
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 15:9-11

### **Today's prayer:**

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us  
may Your dawn beckon.  
When fear paralyses us  
may Your touch release us.  
When grief torments us  
May Your peace enfold us.  
When memories haunt us  
may Your presence heal us.  
When justice fails us  
may Your anger ignite us.  
When apathy stagnates us  
may Your challenge renew us.  
When courage leaves us  
may Your spirit inspire us.  
When despair grips us  
may Your hope restore us.  
And when death threatens us  
may Your resurrection light lead us.  
Amen.

## Friday – Easter Week 5

St Nereus and St Acilleus, Martyrs

St Pancras, Martyr

*patron saint of children, jobs and health.*

### **Collect:**

Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
that, being rightly conformed to the paschal mysteries,  
what we celebrate in joy  
may protect and save us with perpetual power.  
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:**

**Today's prayer:** John 15:12-17

How wonderful, Lord Jesus, You came back  
You suffered death but conquered it  
You laid in the tomb but on the third day  
You rose again  
O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when You returned  
You are the resurrection, our hope and our life  
O glorious and victorious Redeemer  
Help us not to be afraid of death  
For we must pass through it to see You face to face  
And on the last day we will rise again  
For You said so  
Let us rejoice and praise You  
Our Blessed and triumphant Lord  
On this happy, joyful day.  
Amen.

Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs, Pray for us

St Pancras, martyr, Pray for us

## Saturday - Our Lady of Fatima

### **Collect:**

O God, who chose the Mother of Your Son to be our Mother also,  
grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer  
for the salvation of the world,  
we may furthermore effectively each day the reign of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Luke 11:27-28

### **Today's prayer:**

Our Lady of Fatima,  
sometimes we live in fear  
and we are too afraid to let go of our anxieties.  
We want to be God's instruments  
to achieve His will and to bring Him glory.  
Today we ask through your intercession,  
that Jesus help us to trust in Him like the children at Fatima.  
Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies and prayers  
that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world.  
We are certain of her closeness to You.  
We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima  
that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.

Pope Francis said on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 when he canonised St Francisco and St Jacinta:

*We can take as our examples St Francisco and St Jacinta, whom the Virgin Mary introduced into the immense ocean of God's light and taught to adore Him... That was the source of their strength in overcoming opposition and suffering.*

Perhaps today we can ask their intercession for all those suffering in any way at this time.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us

St Francisco de Jesus Marto (11<sup>th</sup> June 1908 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 1919), Pray for us

St Jacinta de Jesus Marto (11<sup>th</sup> March 1910 – 20<sup>th</sup> February 1920) Pray for us.