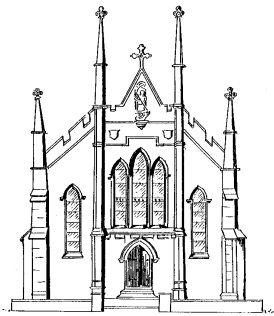


DAILY PRAYERS

EASTER WEEK 3



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Sunday - Easter Week 3

Collect:

May Your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 24:13-35

Today's prayer:

Father in Heaven,
when the Spirit came down upon Jesus
at His Baptism in the Jordan,
You revealed Him as Your own Beloved Son.
Keep me, Your child,
born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to my calling.
May I, who share in Your Life
as Your child through Baptism,
follow in Christ's path of service to people.
Let me become one in His Sacrifice
and hear His Word with faith.
May I live as Your child,
following the example of Jesus.

Monday - Easter Week 3

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, putting off our old self with all its ways,
we may live as Christ did,
for through the healing Paschal Remedies
You have conformed us to His nature.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 6:22-29

Today's prayer:

Lord,
the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Tuesday - Easter Week 3

St Bernadette Soubirous - *Patron saint of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and the town of Lourdes*

Collect:

O God, who open wide the gates of the heavenly Kingdom
to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
pour out on Your servants
an increase of the grace You have bestowed,
that, having been purged of all sins,
they may lack nothing
that in Your kindness You have promised.
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 6:30-35

Today's prayer: A Prayer of S Bernadette Soubirous

Prayer to Jesus:

O Jesus, give me, I pray ...
the bread of humility,
the bread of obedience,
the bread of charity,
the bread of strength to break my will, and make it one with yours,
the bread of patience to bear the pain my heart endures,
the bread to see You and You alone in all things and always!

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

St Bernadette Soubirous, Pray for us

St Bernadette Soubirous, January 7th 1844 Lourdes - April 16th 1879 Nevers. She was the firstborn daughter of a miller from Lourdes and is best known for experiencing apparitions of a "young lady" who asked for a chapel to be built at the nearby cave-grotto. These apparitions occurred between February 11th and July 16th 1858, and the woman who appeared to her identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception". After a canonical investigation, Bernadette's reports were eventually declared "worthy of belief" on February 18th 1862, and the Marian apparition became known as Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1866, she joined the Sisters of Charity of Nevers at their convent in Nevers where she spent the last years of her life. Pope Pius XI beatified Bernadette Soubirous on June 14th 1925, and canonized her on December 8th 1933. Her feast day, initially specified as February 18th – the day Mary promised to make her happy, not in this life, but in the other – is now observed on the date of her death, April 16th.

Wednesday - Easter Week 3

Collect:

Be present to Your family, O Lord, we pray,
and graciously ensure
those You have endowed with the grace of faith
an eternal share in the Resurrection of Your Only Begotten 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 6:35-40

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of forgiveness
and for sending Your beloved Son
to be our pathway into life everlasting.
We praise You for the unconditional love You give us everyday,
especially on those days when we fall and stumble.
We thank You for always being there to pick us up,
drag us or carry us along the pathway to You
and toward eternal life.
We thank you for the gift of Your grace,
the gift of our faith.
Without it we know we would be lost.

Thursday - Easter Week 3

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
let us feel Your compassion more readily
during these days when, by Your gift,
we have known it more fully,
so that those You have freed from the darkness of error
may cling more firmly to the teachings of Your truth.
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 6:44-51

Today's prayer:

Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
we thank You for giving us Your only begotten Son for our salvation.
Let your Holiness be known,
accepted and worshipped by all,
so that they may glorify You
and attain eternal salvation which is Your free gift.
Let us rejoice and be glad,
let us praise Your greatness, love, and mercy.

Friday - Easter Week 3

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who have come to know
the grace of the Lord's Resurrection,
may, through the love of the Spirit,
ourselves rise to newness of 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 6:52-59

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father and God of mercy,
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.
From the waters of death,
You raise us with Him and
renew Your gift of life within us.
Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ
and help us to grow as Your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday - Easter Week 3

Collect:

O God, who in the font of Baptism
have made new those who believe in You,
keep safe those reborn in Christ,
that, defeating every onslaught of error,
they may faithfully preserve the grace of Your blessing.
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 6:60-69

Today's prayer:

Blessed are You, sovereign God of all,
to You be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
You have raised Your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that we who have been born anew by water and the Spirit
may daily be renewed in Your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve You in newness of life;
through Your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with You and the Holy Spirit
be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.