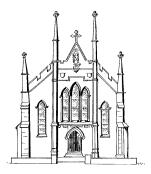
# DAILY PRAYERS EASTER WEEK 5



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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 15:1-8

### Today's prayer:

All-powerful and ever-living God, shine with the light of Your radiance on all people most especially on those who live in the shadow of darkness and despair.

Let the dawn from on high break upon us all, and fill us with the new light and life of the resurrection of Jesus Your risen and glorified Son. Amen.

# **Monday – St Catherine of Siena**

Religious and Doctor of the Church

Patron saint against fire; bodily ills; for people ridiculed for their piety, for nurses for sick people, for miscarriages; for Europe and for Italy

### **Collect:**

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service of Your Church, grant, through her intercession, that Your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of His glory. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 11:25-30

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

Prayer to St. Catherine of Siena for the Healing of the Sick

Heavenly Father, we beseech You, through the intercession of St Catherine of Siena, patron saint of the sick, to bring healing and comfort to those who are suffering. May Your divine love strengthen them in their time of need, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with hope and faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Catherine, Pray for us

St Catherine of Siena (25<sup>th</sup> March 1347 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 1380), was an Italian Dominican nun and mystic. She was engaged in papal and Italian politics through extensive letter-writing and advocacy. Canonized in 1461, she is revered as a saint and as a Doctor of the Church due to her extensive theological authorship. She is also considered to have influenced Italian literature.

# Tuesday - Easter Week 5

St Pope Pius V

patron Saint of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Invoked for the reform and in defence of the Church.

### 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:

O God, who in Your providence raised up Pope Saint Pius the Fifth in Your Church that the faith might be safeguarded and more fitting worship be offered to You, grant, through his intercession, that we may participate in Your mysteries with lively faith and fruitful charity. 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 Pope Pius, Pray for us

Pope Pius V, OP (17<sup>th</sup> January 1504 – 1<sup>st</sup> May 1572), he was head of the Catholic Church and ruler of the Papal States from 7 January 1566 to his death, in May 1572. He is chiefly notable for his role in the Council of Trent, the Counter-Reformation, and the standardization of the Roman Rite within the Latin Church, known as Tridentine Mass. Pius V declared Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church.

# Wednesday - Easter Week 5

St Joseph the Worker

### **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:

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.

Lord, we know that You are close to the broken-hearted, and we cry out to You on behalf of those who are struggling. We ask that You would be their refuge and strength, and help them to find employment or housing. We also pray for Your protection, that they would be safe from harm. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Joseph, Pray for all those who find work difficult St Joseph, Pray for those who find it hard to gain employment St Joseph, Pray that we all may find joy in working for the common good

## Thursday – St Athanasius

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

St Athanasius, Pray for us

St Athanasius (born c. 293, Alexandria—died May 2<sup>nd</sup> 373, Alexandria) He was a theologian, ecclesiastical statesman, and Egyptian national leader. He was the chief defender of Christian orthodoxy in the 4<sup>th</sup> -century battle against Arianism, the heresy that the Son of God was a creature of like, but not of the same, substance as God the Father. His important works include The Life of St. Antony, On the Incarnation, and Four Orations Against the Arians.

# Friday – Sts Philip and James

Apostles

St Philip patron saint of hatmakers and pastry chefs St James patron saint of pharmacists and the dying

### **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:

O Glorious St. Philip, at the Last Supper you said to Jesus:
"Lord, show us the Father and it will be enough for us."
Help us to make this our prayer also and to seek God in all things.
Obtain for us the grace to know the Father and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, for in this does eternal life consist.

O Glorious St. James, you were our Lord's cousin and at the same time his friend and follower.

You wrote that every good and perfect gift comes to us from the Father of lights, and that faith without works is useless.

You preached the divinity of Jesus until your death as a martyr.

Obtain for us from the Father of lights the great gift of a living faith in Jesus' divinity which will inspire us to unstinting labour in the service of God and our fellow human beings and enable us to reach our heavenly destiny.

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

# **Saturday – The English Martyrs**

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