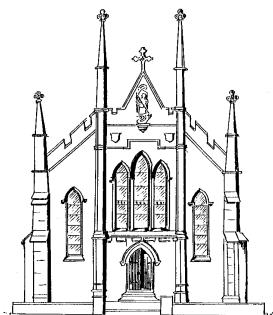


# DAILY PRAYERS

## THE EASTER OCTAVE



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# Easter Sunday

## Collect:

O God, who on this day,  
through Your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray,  
that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may,  
through the renewal brought by Your Spirit,  
rise up in the light 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 20:1-9

**Today's prayer: the end of our Lenten pilgrimage ends in the Basilica of Mary Major**

O Lord, who made Mary the first to proclaim the joy of Your resurrection, grant that we may rejoice in the victory of Your Son and share this Good News with all the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Blessed Virgin Mary: Honouring Mary as the first witness of the resurrection and the joy of Easter, this church celebrates the triumph of life over death. Built between 432 and 440 AD under Pope Sixtus III, is one of the four major basilicas in Rome and the first dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorating her title as Mother of God proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431AD)*

**The Regina Caeli - traditionally during Eastertide replaces the 'Angelus'**  
*which is recited in the morning, at Noon and at 6pm each day:*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

# Monday of the Easter Octave

## Collect:

O God, who give constant increase to Your Church by new offspring, grant that Your servants may hold fast in their lives to the Sacrament they have received in faith. 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 28:8-15

## Today's prayer:

Out of the night where hope had died,  
To tomb once sealed, now gaping wide,  
The Magdalene made haste, to mourn  
And bring her spices through the dawn.

She gazed in disbelief and pain  
Where Jesus in His death had lain,  
Until the radiant angel said,  
Seek not the living with the dead.

Soon trusting love cast out her fears;  
She rose and brushed away her tears.  
As first apostle, Mary ran  
To tell God's resurrection plan.

Jesus is risen! Mary cries,  
Lift up your hearts and dry your eyes,  
Jesus is risen, come and see  
And goes before to Galilee.

St Mary Magdalen, apostle to the apostles, Pray for us  
St Peter, Prince of the apostles, Pray for us  
St John, the Beloved Disciple, Pray for us

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The dear belov'd apostle John  
Could faster than Saint Peter run,  
Arriving first before the tomb. Alleluia!

# Tuesday of the Easter Octave

## Collect:

O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies,  
endow Your people with heavenly gifts,  
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,  
they may rejoice in Heaven  
over what gladdens them now on Earth.  
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 20:11-18

## Today's prayer:

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others  
with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection,  
grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example  
we may proclaim the living Christ  
and come to see Him reigning in Your glory.  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Mary Magdalen, apostle to the apostles, Pray for us

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Not Magdalen, not Salome,  
Nor James' own mother then delay  
Embalming Jesus' corpse that day. Alleluia!

# Wednesday of the Easter Octave

## Collect:

O God, who gladden us year by year  
with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection,  
graciously grant, that by celebrating these present festivities,  
we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.  
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:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Stay with us, we pray,  
in every part of our journey,  
no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today.  
Through Your Holy Spirit,  
we pray that You will open our eyes too  
and help us see You as our risen Lord  
in all Your beauty,  
and in all Your loving power. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
That night the apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came the Lord most dear,  
And said My peace be on all here. Alleluia!

# Thursday of the Easter Octave

## Collect:

O God, who have united the many nations in confessing Your Name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds.

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 24:35-48

## Today's prayer:

Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle, Pray for Me

Lord Jesus,

St Thomas doubted Your resurrection until he touched Your wounds.

After Pentecost, You called him to become a missionary in India, but he doubted again and said no.

He changed his mind only after being taken into slavery by a merchant who happened to be going to India.

Once he was cured of his doubt,

You freed him and he began the work You had called him to do.

As the patron saint against doubt,

I ask him to pray for me when I question the direction in which You are leading me. Forgive me for mistrusting You, Lord, and help me to grow from the experience.

Saint Thomas, Pray for me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When Thomas, first the tidings heard,

How they had seen the Risen Lord,

He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

# Friday of the Easter Octave

## Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,  
who gave us the Paschal Mystery  
in the Covenant You established  
for reconciling the human race,  
so dispose our minds, we pray,  
that what we celebrate by professing the faith  
we may express in deeds.

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 21:1-14

## Today's prayer:

Prayer to the Risen Christ

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 in so doing 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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
My wounded side, O Thomas see;  
Behold My hands, My feet, said He  
Not faithless, but believing be. Alleluia!

# Saturday of the Easter Octave

## Collect:

O God, who by the abundance of Your grace  
give increase to the peoples who believe in You,  
look with favour on those You have chosen  
and clothe with blessed immortality  
those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism.  
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:** Mark 16:9-15

## Today's prayer:

Christ is Risen:  
The world below lies desolate  
Christ is Risen:  
The spirits of evil are fallen  
Christ is Risen:  
The angels of God are rejoicing  
Christ is Risen:  
The tombs of the dead are empty  
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,  
the first of the sleepers,  
Glory and power are His forever and ever. Amen, alleluia!

*St Hippolytus of Rome (died in 236)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
No longer Thomas then denied,  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
'You are my Lord and God,' he cried, Alleluia!