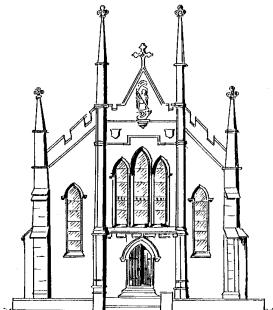


# DAILY PRAYERS

## WEEK 13

## ORDINARY TIME



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# **Sunday - Saints Peter and Paul**

*Martyrs - patron saints of Rome, the Eternal City, as well as pillars of the universal Church. Saint Peter was the chief apostle, our first pope. Saint Paul is the Apostle of the Gentiles.*

## **Collect:**

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we may be sustained  
by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,  
that, as through them You gave Your Church  
the foundations of her heavenly office,  
so through them You may help her to eternal salvation.  
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 21:15-19

## **Today's prayer:**

O Blessed Redeemer,  
Saints Peter and Paul  
were leaders and models in strengthening the faith of the infant Church,  
and I ask them to pray for my faith to grow strong.  
Saint Paul wrote in his second letter to Saint Timothy,  
“I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have.”  
Wherever I am still a baby in my relationship with You, weak and  
uncertain,  
I ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for me to grow into spiritual maturity.  
Help me, O Lord, to increase in faith and trust.  
Where Your presence is but a spark in me,  
fan it into a flame that brightens other people's lives.

*Daily Prayers with the Saints for the New Millennium by Terry Ann Modica*

Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for Pope Leo  
Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for Bishop Paul  
Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for our parish  
Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for me.

# Monday – The First Martyrs of the See of Rome

## Collect:

O God, who consecrated the abundant first fruits of the Roman Church by the blood of the Martyrs, grant, we pray, that with firm courage we may together draw strength from so great a struggle and ever rejoice at the triumph of faithful love. 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:** Matthew 24:4-13

**Today's prayer:** A Prayer to the Early Martyrs of the City of Rome

Great martyrs, the manner of your deaths was shocking, even to the jaded Romans, who felt compassion for you and disgust for the cruelty of their ruler. You were all a tremendous witness to the power of Christ, in that you suffered torture and death for His sake.

Pray for all of us: the current Christian martyrs around the world who this very day, are undergoing persecution and death for their beliefs; for those martyrs, who have not shed actual blood for Christ but who continually undergo death to self in their daily lives; for the victims of abortion, for those who have no voice, no say, and for all those who are witnesses to the sanctity of life.

Hear the prayers we offer to you all and intercede for us to God. Having washed your robes in the Blood of the Lamb, we know He hears your prayers. We ask this in union with Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome, Pray for us

*These holy men and women are known as the Protomartyrs of Rome. They were falsely accused by Emperor Nero of setting fire to the city—a crime he himself had committed to hide his own guilt. In his cruelty, some were burned alive as torches to light his evening banquets, others were crucified, and many were thrown to wild beasts. These martyrs gave their lives before the deaths of Saints Peter and Paul and are remembered as “disciples of the Apostle whom the Holy Roman Church sent to their Lord before the Apostles’ death.”*

# Tuesday – Week 13

St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr  
*patron saint of peace and reconciliation in Ireland*

## Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of 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:** Matthew 8:23-27

**Today's prayer:** Prayer to St Oliver Plunkett

Glorious Martyr, Oliver, who willingly  
gave your life for your faith,  
help us also to be strong in faith.  
May we be loyal like you  
to the See of Peter.  
By your intercession and example  
may all hatred and bitterness  
be banished from the hearts of all people.  
May the peace of Christ reign  
as it did in your heart,  
even at the moment of your death.

*from the shrine of St Oliver Plunkett  
in St Peter's Church, Drogheda, Co. Louth*

St Oliver Plunkett, Pray for the people Ireland  
St Oliver Plunkett, Pray for the people of England

*St Oliver Plunkett (1 Nov 1625 · Loughcrew, Ireland - 1 Jul 1681 ·  
Tyburn, England). He was the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All  
Ireland and the last victim of the Popish Plot. He was beatified in 1920  
and canonised in 1975, thus becoming the first new Irish saint in almost  
seven hundred years.*

# Wednesday – Week 13

## Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of 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:** Matthew 8:28-34

## Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, I come before You today  
seeking Your guidance to enhance my wisdom and discernment.  
As the light of the world,  
Jesus brings hope and shines Your holy light upon us.  
In His holy name, I ask that You illuminate my path,  
pushing away darkness and fear from my life.  
Allow Your word to guide me in faith as I walk in truth,  
bringing glory to Your name.  
Grant me the strength to overcome evil in this world  
and stand up against unjust deeds.  
Envelop me in Your love and protection,  
so that even when I feel defeated,  
I know You are there with me.  
Thank You for Your unwavering presence on Earth  
and for never leaving our side.  
I ask this through Christ my Lord. Amen.

# Thursday – St Thomas

*Apostle*

*patron Saint of doubters, architects, blind people, builders, geometricians, masons, surveyors, and theologians*

## Collect:

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas,  
so that we may always be sustained by his intercession  
and, believing, may have life  
in the name of Jesus Christ your Son,  
whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord.  
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 20:24-29

## Today's prayer:

O Glorious St Thomas,  
your grief for Jesus was such  
that it would not let you believe he had risen  
unless you actually saw Him and touched His wounds.  
But your love for Jesus was equally great  
and it led you to give up your life for Him.  
Pray for us that we may grieve for our sins  
which were the cause of Christ's sufferings.  
Help us to spend ourselves in His service  
and so earn the title of "blessed"  
which Jesus applied to those  
who would believe in Him without seeing Him. Amen.

St Thomas, Pray for us

*St Thomas, also called Didymus ("twin"), was one of the Twelve Apostles. Known as "doubting Thomas," he confessed Jesus as "My Lord and my God" after seeing His wounds. Tradition says he preached in India, founding churches in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.*

# Friday – Week 13

St Elizabeth of Portugal

*patron saint of peacemakers, charity and brides*

## Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,

that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of 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:** Matthew 9:9-13

## Today's prayer:

O God, author of peace and lover of charity,  
who adorned Saint Elizabeth of Portugal  
with a marvellous grace for reconciling those in conflict,  
grant, through her intercession,  
that we may become peacemakers,  
and so be called children of God.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal, Prau for us

*Born in 1271 into the royal house of Aragon, Elizabeth was the daughter of Infante Peter and Constance of Sicily—later King Peter III of Aragon and Queen Constance II of Sicily. She was the sister of three kings: Alfonso III and James II of Aragon, and Frederick III of Sicily. A great-niece and namesake of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, she was raised with deep piety and embraced a life of prayer and discipline from an early age. She recited the full Divine Office daily, fasted regularly, and practised other forms of penance. Elizabeth became a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, adopting a Franciscan rule of life while remaining in the world. After the death of her husband, she retired to a convent, where she continued her life of devotion and service to others. She died on July 4th, 1336, and was buried in the convent she had made her home.*

# Saturday - Week 13

St Anthong Mary Zaccaria

*Patron saint of the Barnabite order, Angelic Sisters of St. Paul, Laity of St. Paul, Physicians*

## Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption  
chose us to be children of light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error  
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of 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:** Matthew 9:14-17

## Today's prayer:

Grant, O Lord, that in the spirit of the Apostle Paul  
we may pursue the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ,  
for, having learned it,  
Saint Anthony Zaccaria  
constantly preached your saving word in the Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Anthony Maria Zaccaria, Pray for us

*St Anthony Maria Zaccaria, CRSP (1502 – 5 July 1539) was an Italian priest and early leader of the Counter-Reformation. He was the founder of the Barnabites and a promoter of the Passion of Christ, the Eucharist and the renewal of the religious life among the laity.*