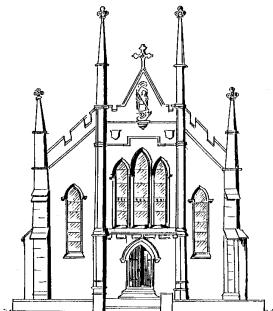


# DAILY PRAYERS

## WEEK 21

## ORDINARY TIME



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# Sunday – Week 21

## Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 13:22-30

## Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
when I feel crushed by my own worries,  
lift my mind and help me to see the truth.  
When fear grips me tight and I feel I cannot move,  
free my heart and help me to take things one step at a time.  
When I can't express the turmoil inside,  
calm me with Your quiet words of love.  
I choose to trust in You,  
each day, each hour, each moment of my life.  
I know deep down that I, by Your grace,  
am forgiven, and restored to life by Your sacrifice,  
for You have set me free. Amen.

# Monday – Week 21

**St Louis IX - King of France, *Holy man***

*(25<sup>th</sup> April 1214 Poissy – died of the plague on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1270 Tunis)  
patron saint of barbers, construction workers, difficult marriages, distillers, embroiderers, hair stylists, parenthood, parents and co-patron of the Secular Franciscan Order and of Third Order Regular men and women.*

**St Joseph Calasanz, *Pastor***

*(11<sup>th</sup> September 1557, Peralta de Calasanz, - 25<sup>th</sup> August 1648, Rome)  
patron saint of Catholic schools*

## **Collect:**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

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 23:13-22

## **Today's prayer:**

St Joseph Calasanz, pray for all young people who are considering their vocation in life. Help them to be open to the touch of God and to allow themselves to be loved by God.

St Louis King of France, you saw your kingly role as being the lieutenant of God on earth. You tried to direct all that you did for the good of your subjects and God's glory. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you sought to glorify

St Louis, Pray for us

St Joseph Calasanz, Pray for us

*St Louis IX, commonly known as Saint Louis was King of France from 1226 to 1270, and the most illustrious of the Direct Capetians. He was crowned in Reims at the age of 12, following the death of his father Louis VIII. On his twenty-first birthday he assumed full kingship. He was well known for protecting the French clergy from secular leaders and for strictly enforcing laws against blasphemy.*

*St Joseph Calasanz was a Spanish priest, educator and the founder of the Pious Schools, providing free education to the sons of the poor, and the Religious Order that ran them, commonly known as the Piarists*

## **Tuesday – Week 21**

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Dominic Barberi)  
(22<sup>nd</sup> June 1792 Viterbo, Italy – 27<sup>th</sup> August 1849, Reading,  
Berkshire)

‘Apostle to England’

Religious, Missionary

### **Collect:**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant Your people to love what You command  
and to desire what You promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.

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 23:23-26

### **Today's Prayer:**

Lord, You sent Blessed Dominic  
to seek out the lost sheep of Your flock  
by preaching your truth and witnessing to Your love.  
May we follow his example  
build up the unity of Your Church as a sign of faith and love.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us,  
St John Henry Newman, Pray for us  
Blessed Dominic, Pray for us

*Blessed Dominic was an Italian theologian and a member of the  
Passionist Congregation prominent in spreading Catholicism in  
England. He received St John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church  
on 9th October 1845 at Littlemore, Oxford.*

# Wednesday – St Monica

*Patron saint of mothers*

## Collect:

O God, who console the sorrowful  
and who mercifully accepted  
the motherly tears of Saint Monica  
for the conversion of her son Augustine,  
grant us, through the intercession of them both,  
that we may bitterly regret our sins  
and find the grace of Your pardon.

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 7:11-17

## Today's prayer:

St Monica, troubled wife and mother,  
many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime,  
yet you never despaired or lost faith.

With confidence, persistence, and profound faith,  
you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius,  
and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord.

Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea.  
(mention your own specific intention here)

Grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Monica, Pray for us

*St Monica (c. 332 Thagaste, Numidia Cirtensis, Western Roman Empire  
(present day Souk Ahras, Algeria) – 387 Ostia) She was an early North African  
Christian saint and the mother of Augustine of Hippo.*

*She is remembered and honored for her outstanding Christian virtues,  
particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful  
life dedicated to the reformation of her son, he wrote extensively of her pious  
acts and of his life with her in his Confessions.*

*Popular Christian legends recall St Monica  
weeping every night for the conversion her son, St Augustine.*

# Thursday – St Augustine

Bishop and Doctor of the Church - *patron Saint of brewers, printers, and theologians. Invoked against sore eyes and vermin*

## Collect:

Renew in Your Church, we pray, O Lord,  
the spirit with which You endowed  
Your Bishop Saint Augustine  
that, filled with the same spirit,  
we may thirst for You,  
the sole fount of true wisdom,  
and seek You, the author of heavenly love.  
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 23:8-12

## Today's prayer:

Late have I loved You,  
O Beauty ever ancient,  
ever new, late have I loved You!  
You were within me, but I was outside,  
and it was there that I searched for You.  
In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created.  
You were with me, but I was not with You.  
Created things kept me from You;  
yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all.  
You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness.  
You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness.  
You breathed your fragrance on me;  
I drew in breath and now I pant for You.  
I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more.  
You touched me, and I burned for Your peace.

*From Saint Augustine's Confessions, Book X*

St Augustine of Hippo, pray for us

*St Augustine of Hippo (354–430) was a bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church, born in Tagaste, North Africa. After youthful wandering, he converted in 387 under St Ambrose's guidance. As Bishop of Hippo, he wrote Confessions and The City of God, shaping Western Christianity. He died in 430 during the Vandal siege of Hippo.*

# Friday – The Passion of St John the Baptist

## Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that Your family may walk in the way of salvation  
and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged,  
may come safely to the One he foretold,  
our Lord Jesus 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 1:5-17

## Today's Prayer:

O God, You raised up  
St John the Baptist  
to prepare a perfect  
person for Christ.  
We call upon St John's  
intercession to properly  
prepare us with a true sense  
of repentance to receive  
Your grace and salvation.

Make us faithful to truth and justice,  
as You did Your servant,  
John the Baptist, herald of  
Your Son's birth and death.

Lord, may You  
increase Your life within us.  
Amen.

St John the Baptist, Pray for us

*The Feast of the Passion of St John the Baptist, kept today,  
recalls his martyrdom around AD 28–30 under Herod Antipas.  
Imprisoned for denouncing sin, John remained steadfast, always  
pointing to Christ, the Lamb of God. His death proclaims the cost  
of discipleship and the triumph of fidelity. We honour him as  
prophet, forerunner, and courageous herald of the Gospel.*

# Saturday – St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne Line, St Margaret Ward

Martyrs

## Collect:

Most Merciful God, who despises not a broken and contrite heart and has promised to fill those who hunger and thirst after righteousness; We humbly beseech You, remember not the sins and offenses of our ancestors, but grant that, like your servants

Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow, and Anne Line,  
we may sanctify You in our hearts  
and be always ready to answer for our faith with meekness and fear;  
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 25:1-13

## Today's prayer:

Lord our God, grant that we may always hold in deep reverence the glorious witness of your holy martyrs, Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward. Though we cannot praise them as they deserve, may we at least honour them with our humble devotion.

St Margaret Clitherow, Pray for us

St Anne Line, Pray for us

St Margaret Ward, Pray for us

*St Margaret Clitherow (1556–1586) – A convert to Catholicism and a butcher's wife in York, she sheltered priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home. Arrested for harbouring priests, she refused to plead in court so as not to endanger her family, and was crushed to death on Good Friday 1586.*

*St Anne Line (1563–1601) – Born into a Protestant family, she converted to Catholicism as a young woman. After her husband was exiled and died for the faith, she dedicated her life to sheltering priests in London. She was arrested for this and executed at Tyburn in 1601, declaring her only regret was not having sheltered more.*

*St Margaret Ward (1550–1588) – A gentlewoman from Cheshire living in London, she was moved by compassion for a priest imprisoned for his faith. She smuggled in a rope to help him escape but was caught and arrested. Refusing to betray others or renounce her faith, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1588.*