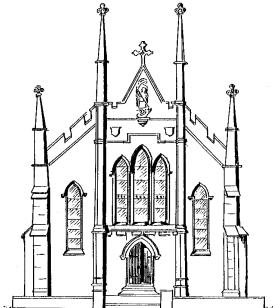


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 26

ORDINARY TIME



**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
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Sunday – Week 26

Collect:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, Your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain Your promises heirs to the treasures of Heaven.

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 16:19-31

Today's prayer:

Father, we live in a world where there are so many hurting people that at times it can become overwhelming, and we find ourselves stepping back,

and almost hoping that the problem will go away.

And yet Jesus demonstrated a life that overflowed with deep compassion and tender-mercy towards all those that were wounded and abused, troubled or hurt. Help us to stretch out a willing arm of comfort, when we see other people hurting or in pain, and may we extend a godly mercy that only comes from You, to those that are the unlovely or the unlovable.

Monday – Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Archangels

Collect:

O God, who dispose in marvellous order
ministries both angelic and human,
graciously grant
that our life on earth may be defended
by those who watch over us
as they minister perpetually to You in heaven.
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 1:47-51

Today's prayer: Prayer to the Archangels

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels
to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector;
I ask him to come to my aid,
fight for all my loved ones,
and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;
I ask him to help me
clearly hear Your voice
and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;
I ask him to take my need for healing
and that of everyone I know,
lift it up to Your throne of grace
and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord,
to realise more fully the reality of the archangels
and their desire to serve us in serving You.
Holy angels, pray for us. Amen

Tuesday – Saint Jerome

Priest

patron saint of translators, librarians, and encyclopaedists

Collect:

O God, who gave the Priest Saint Jerome
a living and tender love for Sacred Scripture,
grant that Your people
may be ever more fruitfully nourished by Your Word
and find in it the fount 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: Matthew 13:47-52

Today's prayer:

A Prayer of Saint Jerome before Confession

O Lord show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart.
I am like the man on the way to Jericho
who was overtaken by robbers,
wounded and left for dead.
O Good Samaritan come to my aid.
I am like the sheep that went astray.
O Good Shepherd seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your
will.
Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life
and praise You for ever and ever
with those who are there. Amen.

Saint Jerome, (342 Stridon - 420 Bethlehem) was one of the four original Western doctors of the Church. He is perhaps best known for translating the Bible from Greek into Latin). A remarkable scholar and a sometimes-prickly man, Saint Jerome nevertheless believed deeply in the mercy of Christ, as this prayer above shows.

Wednesday - Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Virgin and Doctor of the Church
patron saint of missions and of florists

Collect:

O God, who open Your Kingdom to those who are humble and to little ones, lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of Saint Thérèse, so that through her intercession we may see Your eternal glory revealed. 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 18:1-4

Today's Prayer:

God who opens Your Kingdom to the small and humble, help me to walk in confidence in the footsteps of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus to thereby obtain the revelation of Your glory. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit God for ever and ever. Amen.

St Thérèse, Little Flower, Pray for us
St Thérèse, Daughter of Carmel, Pray for us
St Thérèse, Patroness of Missionaries, Pray for us

*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus 'The Little Flower'
(2nd January 1873 · Alençon – 30th September 1897 · Lisieux
Saint Thérèse lived a hidden life of prayer in the Carmelite convent at Lisieux. Through her "little way" of trust, humility, and love, she taught that holiness is found in daily fidelity. Declared Doctor of the Church, her simplicity and radiant faith inspire countless souls to follow Christ.*

Thursday – The Holy Guardian Angels

Collect:

O God, who in Your unfathomable providence are pleased to send Your holy Angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to You, that we may always be defended by their protection and rejoice eternally in their company. 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 18:1-5,10

Today's prayer:

O Holy Angel, my guardian and guide, appointed by God to watch over me, protect me from all dangers of body and soul. Light my path with your wisdom, guard me from the snares of evil, and guide me to live according to God's holy will. Intercede for me before the throne of God, that I may grow in faith, hope, and charity. Stay close to me always, and lead me to eternal life with Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Collect:

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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 10:13-16

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
teach me to number my days
and give me the wisdom and grace to make every day count.
May each passing day be an opportunity for me to draw closer to You,
and help me to realise how very transient life is.
Keep me looking to Jesus moment by moment
and grant me wisdom, guidance and grace
in the daily decisions I may be called upon to make today,
for I understand more and more
that every one of my steps needs to be guided by You.
Continually guard and guide me as You have promised,
and lead me into the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Thank You that Your grace is sufficient for all my needs
and may I walk in the paths of righteousness all the days of my life,
to Your praise and glory.
This I ask in the name Jesus my Lord and God. Amen.

Saturday – Saint Francis of Assisi

Collect:

O God, by whose gift Saint Francis
was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility,
grant that, by walking in Francis' footsteps,
we may follow Your Son,
and, through joyful charity,
come to be united with 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 11:25-30

Today's Prayer: St Francis of Assisi's vocation prayer

Most High, Glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our minds.
Give us a right faith,
a firm hope and a perfect charity,
so that we may always
and in all things act according to Your Holy Will. Amen.

St Francis, Pray for us

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181/82–1226) is one of the Church's most beloved saints. Born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in Assisi, Italy, he renounced wealth to live in poverty, embracing Christ in simplicity and joy. He founded the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), inspiring renewal through preaching, service, and love for creation. Known for receiving the stigmata in 1224, Francis bore the marks of Christ's Passion. He composed the "Canticle of the Creatures," praising God through all creation. He died on October 3, 1226, and was canonized in 1228.