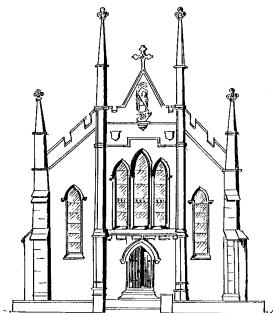


# DAILY PRAYERS

## WEEK 33

## ORDINARY TIME



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# Sunday – Week 33

## Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to You,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.

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 21:5-19

## Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
I look around and find sadness all around.  
Life is difficult for so many.  
The wicked prosper, and the righteous suffer.  
I search for answers, but alas, nothing makes sense of all the sorrow.  
Comfort my soul, O Lord.  
Send Your Spirit to impart peace and understanding.  
Kindle the flame of Your love in my heart,  
that I might be able to ease the pain of my neighbour  
and bring glory to Your Name.  
You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

# Monday – Week 33

**St Hilda of Whitby**, Abbess

**St Hugh of Lincoln**, Bishop, patron saint of sick children, sick people, cobblers, swans, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

**St Elizabeth of Hungary**, Religious, patron saint of nurses

## Collect:

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the constant gladness of being devoted to You,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

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 18:35-43

## Today's prayer: A Prayer of St Hilda

May I be equal to Your hope of me. If I am weak, I ask that You send only what I can bear. If I am strong, may I shrink from no testing that shall yield increase of strength or win security for my spirit. I trust in You, O Lord. I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in Your hand, my times are in Your hand. Amen.

## In honour of St Hugh

Holy God, who endowed Your servant Hugh of Lincoln with wise and cheerful boldness and taught him to commend the discipline of holy life to kings and princes: Grant that we also, rejoicing in the Good News of Your mercy, and fearing nothing but the loss of You, may be bold to speak the truth in love, in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## To St Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth, you were always poor in spirit, most generous toward the poor, faithful to your husband and fully consecrated to your Divine Bridegroom. Grant your help to widows and widowers and keep them faithful to their heavenly Lord. Teach them to make use of their time in the service of God our Lord.

*St Hilda of Whitby (c. 614–680) founding abbess of the monastery at Whitby, which was chosen as the venue for the Synod of Whitby. A very important figure in the Christianisation of Anglo-Saxon England, she was abbess at several monasteries and recognised for her wisdom that drew kings to her for advice.*

*St Hugh of Lincoln (c. 1135-1140 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 1200), a French noble, Benedictine monk, then bishop of Lincoln. At the time of the Reformation, he was the best-known English saint after St Thomas Becket.*

*St Elizabeth of Hungary (7th July 1207 – 17<sup>th</sup> November 1231), a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary and example of living charity. She is the patroness of Third Order of St Francis.*

# Tuesday – Week 33

## Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul

### Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to You,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.  
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 19:1-10

**Today's prayers:** To Saint Peter and St Paul

Lord our God, Saints Peter and Paul steered the early Church  
and were great and inspirational leaders  
who modelled and strengthened the faith of the Church.  
Therefore, I ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for my faith  
to grow stronger and stronger every day.  
I ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for me to become mature spiritually.  
Wherever I become an infant in my relationship with You,  
weak and uncertain, help me, O Lord,  
to increase in faith and trust.  
Lord, enkindle Your fire that flickers inside me  
and let it become a flame that brightens other people's lives.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Pray for Pope Francis  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Pray for Bishop Paul  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Pray for me

*The Dedication of the present Roman Basilicas of Saint Peter (the Vatican), and Saint Paul's Outside the Walls, both of which replace older buildings built by Constantine in the fourth century over the tombs of the apostles Sts Peter and Paul. The dedication of these churches has been commemorated together on this day since the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and today's feast direct us to pray for the unity of the Church throughout the world*

# Wednesday – Week 33

## Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to You,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.

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 19:11-28

## Today's prayer:

Lord, Father Almighty,  
I pray for Your help to strengthen my faith and joy in serving and loving  
You.  
I believe, but I don't always believe in Your power and might.  
I don't always believe that in You all things are possible.  
I don't always place my trust in You, instead trying to fix everything on  
my own.  
I don't always turn to You first, instead turning to the world for answers  
and help.  
I have doubts about Your role in the world today.  
I struggle to relate the scriptures to my own life.  
Lord, I believe, but help with my unbelief!  
Help my head and my heart and my soul to believe in You  
and to trust in You fully, without a doubt,  
knowing that in You all things are possible.  
Lord, strengthen my faith in You!  
Lord, increase my joy in You!  
Lord, deepen my love for You and my neighbour!  
Amen.

# Thursday – Week 33

## Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to You,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.  
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 19:41-44

## Today's Prayer:

Father, I thank You for the works of Your hands  
and because You never stop blessing me.  
Lord, I know that I'm weak  
and I don't have the power of my own  
to be consistent in serving You,  
in doing well to others because challenges will come  
that may want to derail me or make me lack consistency  
so I ask You to help me to be consistent.  
Lord, help me to serve You continuously. Amen.

# Friday – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Collect:

As we venerate the glorious memory  
of the most holy Virgin Mary,  
grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession,  
that we, too, may merit to receive  
from the fullness of Your grace.

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 12:46-50

## Today's prayer:

O Blessed Virgin Mary,  
who could ever thank you worthily,  
you who, by freely saying yes,  
opened the way for our wounded world to be restored?  
Through your faith,  
the path back to grace and life was opened for us.  
We offer you our gratitude, small though it is.  
Receive what we can give,  
and by your prayers obtain for us the forgiveness of our sins.  
Hear us with mercy,  
and draw us to the reconciliation your Son has won.  
May the prayers we offer through you  
be pleasing to God.  
May what we ask in trust be granted.  
Calm our fears, strengthen our hope,  
for you are a mother to all who turn to you.  
Through you we trust in the forgiveness of our sins;  
in you, most gentle Mother,  
we place the hope of everlasting joy.

# **Saturday – St Cecilia**

Virgin Martyr

*patron saint of Sacred music; organ builders; luthiers; singers; musicians*

## **Collect:**

O God, who gladden us each year  
with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia,  
grant, we pray,  
that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her  
may offer us examples to imitate  
and proclaim the wonders worked in His servants  
by 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 God, You filled the heart of Saint Cecilia  
with the joy of music and the love of Your praise.  
We thank You today for the gift of song,  
for the beauty that lifts our spirits,  
for melodies that console, inspire, and unite.  
Bless all who serve Your Church through music—  
singers, organists, choir leaders, composers,  
and those who listen with prayerful hearts.  
Let their offering draw us closer to You,  
who are the source of all harmony and peace.  
As Saint Cecilia sang in her heart  
even in times of trial,  
grant that our lives may also become a hymn of faith—  
praising You in sorrow and in joy,  
in silence and in celebration.  
May our voices and our actions  
give glory to Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.