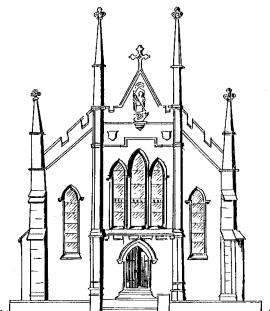


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK SIX



**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
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Sunday – Week 6

Collect:

O God, who teach us that You abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to 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 5:17-37

Today's prayer:

Lord, teach me to be generous:
to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek to rest;
to labour and to ask for no reward
save that of knowing I do Your will.
Amen.

Monday – Week 6

Collect:

O God, who teach us that You abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to 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: Mark 8:11-13

Today's prayer:

Lord, we come to You before:
we ask You to bless this day.
May we find whatever is good in the tasks we are set
and the time that we share.
Help us when we find some things too hard to understand;
Teach us to be fair and generous with one another,
So may we thank You for a day well spent. Amen.

Tuesday – Week 6

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Collect:

O God, who teach us that You abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by Your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to 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: Mk 8:14-21

Today's prayer:

Holy Seven Founders of the Servite Order,
faithful servants of the Mother of Sorrows,
you left comfort, wealth, and honour
to follow Christ in humility and fraternity.
Teach us to seek what is lasting,
to choose prayer over noise,
and to stand beside those who suffer.
You who learned from Mary
to remain at the foot of the Cross,
obtain for us steadfast hearts,
gentle speech, and courageous charity.
Help our communities to be places of peace,
our work to be shaped by compassion,
and our lives to echo the Gospel you embraced.
Intercede for us,
that we may walk the way of service
and one day rejoice with you in the light of Christ. Amen.

Seven Holy Founders, Pray for us

The Seven Holy Founders—Bonifilius Monaldi, Bonajuncta Manetti, Manettus dell'Antella, Amadeus of Siena, Hugh of Florence, Sostene of Florence, and Alexius Falconieri were wealthy Florentine merchants who, in 1233, left their businesses to live in prayer and penance in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Settling on Monte Senario near Florence, they founded the Order of the Servants of Mary (Servites). Today the Servites serve worldwide through parish ministry, Marian devotion, education, and works of compassion, especially in solidarity with those who suffer.

Ash Wednesday – Lent begins today!

Collect:

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. 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 6:1-6, 16-18

Today's prayer: (*For a gentle beginning and a slow return to the heart*)
Lord Jesus Christ, as this holy season begins, we do not rush toward greatness or dramatic change. We simply come. Marked with ash, we remember who we are — dust held in love, fragile, forgiven, and invited.

Give us a good beginning. Not hurried, not anxious, not burdened by perfection, but steady and sincere.

Teach us to walk slowly these forty days.

Slow enough to notice Your voice.

Slow enough to recognise our true hunger.

Slow enough to see where our hearts have wandered and where they long to rest.

Strip away what is false within us — the masks we wear, the noise we cling to,

the distractions that keep us from ourselves and from You.

Draw us closer, not by force, but by attraction — the quiet gravity of Your mercy.

May our prayer be honest,

our fasting befreeing,

our giving be generous and hidden.

And beneath it all, lead us home — to You, and to the truest self You are forming in us.

Let this Lent begin gently but let it go deep. Amen.

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Collect:

Prompt our actions with Your inspiration, we pray, O Lord,
and further them with Your constant help,
that all we do may always begin from You
and by You be brought to completion.

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 9:22-25

Today's prayer:

Lord our God,
May all that we begin, begin in You.
Before thought becomes word,
before intention becomes action,
be the quiet source from which it rises.
Guard our motives, steady our steps,
and keep our hearts aligned with Your will.
And what we begin in faith, bring to completion in grace.
What we attempt in weakness, perfect in Your strength.
Let nothing we do be separated from You —
for You are our beginning, our companion along the way,
and our fulfilment at the end. Amen.

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Collect:

Show gracious favour, O Lord, we pray,
to the works of penance we have begun,
that we may have strength to accomplish with sincerity
the bodily observances we undertake.
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 9:14-15

Today's prayer:

Lord our God, You have stirred our hearts
to begin these works of penance.
Give us strength to continue them
with sincerity and quiet faithfulness.
When enthusiasm fades, steady us.
When discipline weakens, uphold us.
When pride creeps in, humble us.
May what we do not be for show,
nor driven by fear,
but shaped by love and truth.
Purify our intentions,
deepen our resolve,
and let these small acts of self-denial
open us more fully to Your grace.
Bring to completion in us
what You have begun —
that our repentance may be real,
our hearts made whole,
and our lives drawn closer to You. Amen.

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
look with compassion on our weakness
and ensure us Your protection
by stretching forth the right hand of Your majesty.
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 5:27-32

Today's prayer:

Merciful Lord, look with compassion on our weakness.
You know how easily we tire,
how quickly courage falters,
how often resolve gives way.
Do not turn from us in our frailty,
but draw near in tenderness.
Be our protection when we feel exposed,
our strength when we feel small,
our refuge when we are unsure of the way.
Guard our hearts from discouragement,
our minds from confusion,
and our steps from harm.
Hold us in Your faithful care,
that trusting not in ourselves but in You,
we may walk securely beneath Your mercy. Amen.