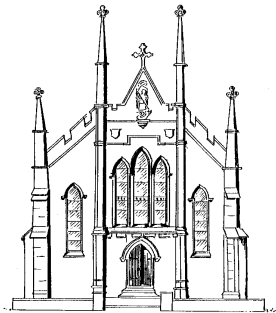


DAILY PRAYERS

EASTER WEEK 2



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Sunday Easter Week 2

Day of Divine Mercy

Collect:

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the Paschal Feast
kindle the faith of the people You have made Your own,
increase, we pray, the grace You have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 20:19-31

Today's prayer:

Jesus Christ, we greet You!
Your hands still have holes in them.
Your feet are wet from the dew;
And with the memory of our names
Undimmed by three days of death
You meet us,
Risen from the grave.
We fail to understand how;
We puzzle at the reason why.
But You have come:
Not to answer our questions,
But to show us Your face,
You are alive,
And the world can rejoice again.
Alleluia!
Glory be to You.
God, our strength and our redeemer.

Philip Jakob

Monday Easter Week 2

Pope St Martin I – Pope and martyr

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who have been renewed by Paschal remedies,
transcending the likeness of our earthly parentage,
may be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker.
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 3:1-8

Today's prayer:

If You were not risen,
Lord Christ, to whom would we go
to discover a radiance
of the face of God?

If You were not risen,
we would not be together
seeking Your communion.
We would not find in Your presence forgiveness,
wellspring of a new beginning.

If You were not risen,
where would we draw the energy
for following You
right to the end of our existence,
for choosing You again and anew?

Brother Roger of Taizé

St Martin, Pray for us

Pope St Martin I (c. 590–655), elected pope in 649, firmly defended the Church against the Monothelite heresy. Without imperial approval, he convened the Lateran Council of 649 to uphold orthodox teaching. Arrested by order of Emperor Constans II, he was exiled to Crimea, where he died on 16 September 655, honoured as a martyr for the faith.

Tuesday Easter Week 2

Collect:

Enable us, we pray, almighty God,
to proclaim the power of the risen Lord,
that we, who have received the pledge of His gift,
may come to possess all He gives
when it is fully revealed.

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 3:7-15

Today's prayer:

Mary, Our Mother,
we, your sons and daughters
Look to you as we treasure and ponder
The Rising of Jesus - your Son and our brother.
Teach us how that marvelous moment can topple the proud,
Elevate the lowly, feed the hungry,
And mission the rich - even today.
Confident in God's power and love,
Trusting in the Risen Lord,
Relying on the Promised Advocate,
The Spirit of Life and of Truth,
We dedicate our lives, in your name and for your honour,
To the transforming power of Easter. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, Pray for us

Wednesday Easter Week 2

Collect:

As we recall year by year the mysteries
by which, through the restoration of its original dignity,
human nature has received the hope of rising again,
we earnestly beseech Your mercy, Lord,
that what we celebrate in faith
we may possess in unending 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: John 3:16-21

Today's prayer: A prayer in time of affliction

O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
we turn to You now in this time of affliction.
We are unworthy of the least of Your mercies,
but for the Saviour's sake hear us.

Give us grace with all humility to recognise
Your loving hand at this season,
and to glorify You by a greater dedication of ourselves,
and all we possess, to Your service.

We know not what tomorrow may bring,
but to You, who cares for the very least creatures of Your hand,
we would now commit all our anxieties.
Lord, fill our hearts with Your peace.

We pray also for all who are suffering great afflictions.
Look with Fatherly love on them,
and may Your love draw us all nearer to You,
for sake our our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Thursday Easter Week 2

St Bernadette Soubirous, Religious

Collect:

O God, who for the salvation of the world
brought about the Paschal sacrifice,
be favourable to the supplications of Your people,
so that Christ our High Priest, interceding on our behalf,
may by His likeness to ourselves
bring us reconciliation,
and by His equality with you
free us from our sins.

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 3:31-36

Today's prayer:

Mary, Our Mother,
we sing our 'Alleluias' today, for Jesus is risen.
Our souls proclaim the greatness of God,
Our spirits rejoice in our Risen Savior.
May your song be sung in our lives
At every moment of this day so that God's power,
Which can do far more than we can ask or imagine,
May continue to call life from death and light from darkness,
Transforming our meagre efforts
Into your Son's victory over death. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us
St Bernadette Soubirous, Pray for us

St Bernadette Soubirous (1844–1879), born in Lourdes, France, received a series of Marian apparitions in 1858 at Massabielle, where the Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette later entered the Sisters of Charity at Nevers, living a hidden life of prayer and suffering. She died on 16 April 1879 and was canonised in 1933.

Friday Easter Week 2

Collect:

O God, hope and light of the sincere,
we humbly entreat You to dispose our hearts
to offer You worthy prayer
and ever to extol You
by dutiful proclamation of Your praise.
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 6:1-15

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ; let me seek You by desiring You,
and let me desire You by seeking You;
let me find You by loving You,
and love You in finding You.

I confess, Lord, with thanksgiving,
that You have made me in Your image,
so that I can remember You, think of You, and love You.
But that image is so worn and blotted out by my faults,
and darkened by the smoke of my sin,
that it cannot do that for which it was made,
unless You renew and refashion it.

Lord, I am not trying to make my way to Your height,
for my understanding is in no way equal to that,
but I do desire to understand a little of Your truth
which my heart already believes and loves.
I do not seek to understand so that I can believe,
but I believe so that I may understand -
and what is more -
I believe that unless I do believe,
I shall not understand.

St Anselm of Canterbury OSB (1033 – 1109)

Saturday Easter Week 2

Collect:

Set aside, O Lord,
the bond of sentence written for us by the law of sin,
which in the Paschal Mystery You canceled
through the Resurrection of 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 6:16-21

Today's prayer:

Mary, Our Mother,
we ask for your powerful presence this day,
Just as you shared it
With the frightened disciples in the Upper Room.
Teach us, as you did them, to rely upon God's promises,
Upon our brother and Lord, Jesus, and
Upon the Advocate and Comforter,
The Spirit of Life and Love and Truth.
May we live as you did, in strong hope and invincible confidence.
And be transformed by the power of the Resurrection
Into true hearers and doers of God's will. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Living Word, Pray for us