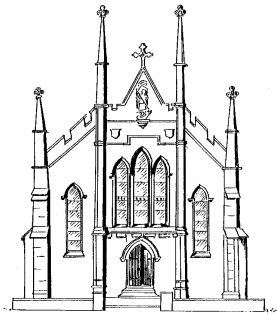


DAILY PRAYERS

EASTER WEEK 4



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Sunday Easter Week 4

Good Shepherd Sunday

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 10:1-10

Today's prayer: A Prayer to Jesus the Good Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd,
You are not a hireling who runs away at the sight of danger,
but Your fidelity was tested
and proven on the wood of the Cross.
Accept the gift of our gratitude
for Your marvelous care.
Help us to hear and follow Your voice.

Watchful Shepherd,
who protects the flock
and searches tirelessly
for those who wander from the fold,
retrieve the lost and bring them home.
Tend and heal their wounds.

Good Shepherd,
who lays down His Life for His sheep,
nourish Your people with the Bread of Life,
that we may reflect Your likeness
and enjoy the spring of Living Water that never ends. Amen.

For and parents and families, We pray to the Lord
For those preparing for marriage, We pray to the Lord
For all married people, We pray to the Lord
For bishops, priests and deacons, We pray to the Lord
For all religious sisters and brothers, We pray to the Lord
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, We pray to the Lord

Monday – Easter Week 4

Collect:

O God, perfect light of the blessed,
by whose gift we celebrate the paschal mysteries on earth,
bring us, we pray,
to rejoice in the full measure of Your grace
for ages unending.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with yYu in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 10:11-18

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
teach me the art of forgiveness,
for I know that through Your grace and mercy,
I can release the burdens of resentment and anger.
Grant me the strength to let go of grudges
and to open my heart to the healing power of Your love.
Help me see others as You see them,
with compassion and understanding.
In Your divine grace and mercy,
I find the courage to forgive
and the freedom to embrace
a life filled with love and peace.

Tuesday – Easter Week 4

St Peter Chanel - *patron saint of Oceania and of missionaries*

St Louis de Montfort - *patron saint of Marian devotion and those seeking a deeper consecration to Christ through Mary*

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection,
we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption.
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 10:22-30

Today's prayer:

O God, who for the spreading of your Church
crowned Saint Peter Chanel with martyrdom,
grant that, in these days of paschal joy,
we may so celebrate the mysteries of Christ's Death and Resurrection
as to bear worthy witness to newness of life.

Almighty and eternal God, who made the Priest Saint Louis
an outstanding witness and teacher
of total devotion to Christ your Son
through the hands of his Blessed Mother,
grant us that, following the same spiritual path,
we may constantly spread your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Peter, Pray for us

St Louis, Pray for us

St Peter Chanel (1803–1841) A French Marist missionary, Peter Chanel brought the Gospel to Futuna in the South Pacific. His gentle witness and growing influence led to his martyrdom in 1841. After his death, the island embraced the faith he preached.

St Louis de Montfort (1673–1716) A French priest and preacher, Louis de Montfort is renowned for his deep Marian spirituality and devotion to Christ through Mary. His writings, especially True Devotion to Mary, have shaped Catholic spirituality for centuries, inspiring a total consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin.

Wednesday – St Catherine of Siena

Religious - *patron saint of Italy (with St Francis of Assisi) and of Europe, and of those involved in nursing, and is often invoked by those seeking peace, Church unity, and courage in times of division, reflecting her work as a peacemaker and advisor within the Church.*

Collect:

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service of Your Church, grant, through her intercession, that Your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of His glory. 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:

Prayer to St. Catherine of Siena for the End of War and Violence

Loving Lord, through the intercession of St. Catherine of Siena, we humbly beseech You to bring an end to war and violence in our world. In Your infinite wisdom and love, guide the hearts of leaders to seek peace and reconciliation. May they recognize the dignity and value of every human life, and work tirelessly to uphold justice and harmony among nations. St. Catherine, who devoted your life to serving the poor and sick, inspire us to be instruments of peace and compassion in our own communities, so that we may contribute to the culture of love and understanding You desire for all Your children. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Catherine, Pray for us

*St Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) A Dominican tertiary and mystic, Catherine of Siena lived a life of intense prayer, penance, and service, while remaining deeply engaged in the life of the Church. Renowned for her wisdom, she advised popes and worked tirelessly for peace and unity, helping to bring the papacy back from Avignon to Rome. Her writings, especially *The Dialogue*, reveal a profound theology of divine love. Declared a Doctor of the Church, she remains a powerful witness to holiness in action.*

Thursday – Easter Week 4

St Pius V – Pope

patron of the Roman Rite of the Mass (particularly its traditional form) and of those devoted to the Holy Rosary. He is also invoked for the defence of the faith and the reform of the Church, reflecting his leadership during the Counter-Reformation.

Collect:

Almighty God,
O God, who restore human nature
to yet greater dignity than at its beginnings,
look upon the amazing mystery of Your loving kindness,
and in those You have chosen to make new
through the wonder of rebirth
may You preserve the gifts
of Your enduring grace and blessing.
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 13:16-20

Today's prayer:

O God, who in Your providence
raised up Pope Saint Pius the Fifth in Your Church
that the faith might be safeguarded
and more fitting worship be offered to You,
grant, through his intercession,
that we may participate in Your mysteries
with lively faith and fruitful charity.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Pius, Pray for us

St Pius V (1504–1572) A Dominican pope of great reform and clarity, Pius V implemented the decrees of the Council of Trent, strengthening the Church's life, discipline, and worship. He standardised the Roman Missal and Breviary, shaping Catholic liturgy for centuries. A man of prayer and austerity, he is also associated with the victory at Lepanto, attributed to the Rosary. Canonised for his holiness and leadership, he remains a model of faithful reform grounded in truth and devotion.

Friday - St Joseph the Worker

Collect:

O God, Creator of all things,
who laid down for the human race the law of work,
graciously grant
that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage
we may complete the works You set us to do
and attain the rewards You promise.
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 13:54-58

Today's prayer:

St Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow,
you supported Jesus and Mary,
and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.
Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance,
for God and for those whom God has given me to support.
Teach me to see in my fellow workers
the Christ who desires to be in them,
that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.
Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith,
so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity
and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.
When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it.
And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God,
in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. Amen.

St Joseph, Pray for us

Feast of St Joseph the Worker (1 May) Established by Pope Pius XII in 1955, this feast honours St Joseph as a model of dignity in human labour and faithful service. It places ordinary work within God's plan, showing that daily tasks, offered with love, share in Christ's own work of redemption. Celebrated on 1 May, it also offers a Christian vision of work rooted not in exploitation, but in vocation, justice, and participation in God's creative purpose.

Saturday - St Athanasius of Alexandria

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

patron saint of theologians

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius
as an outstanding champion of Your Son's divinity,
mercifully grant,
that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection,
we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of 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 10:22-25

Today's prayer:

It is becoming for you, O Mary, to be mindful of us,
as you stand near Him who bestowed upon you all graces,
for you are the Mother of God and our Queen.
Come to our aid for the sake of the King,
the Lord God and Master who was born of You.
For this reason you are called "full of grace."
Be mindful of us, most holy Virgin,
and bestow on us gifts from the riches of your graces,
O Virgin full of grace.

(St Athanasius died 2nd May 373 Alexandria, Egypt)

Saint Athanasius, Pray for us

*St Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 296–373) A towering defender of the faith, Athanasius stood firm against Arianism, proclaiming the full divinity of Christ as true God from true God. As Bishop of Alexandria, he endured exile multiple times for his fidelity to the truth of the Incarnation. His writings, especially *On the Incarnation*, shine with clarity and conviction, expressing the mystery of God made man for our salvation. Honoured as a Doctor of the Church, he remains a steadfast witness to courage, orthodoxy, and the transforming power of Christ.*