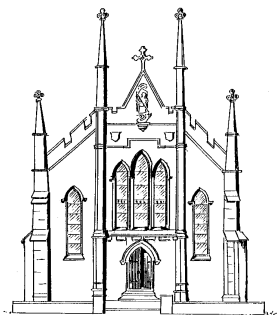


DAILY PRAYERS EASTER SUNDAY



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THE EASTER OCTAVE

Easter Sunday

Collect:

O God, who on this day,
through Your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by Your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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 20:1-9

Today's prayer:

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are His forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!

St Hippolytus (190-236)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation!

From the Easter hymn by Donald E. Fishel

Monday of the Easter Octave

Collect:

O God, who give constant increase
to Your Church by new offspring,
grant that Your servants may hold fast in their lives
to the Sacrament they have received in faith.
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: Matthew 28:8-15

Today's prayer: An Easter Prayer

It is only right, that with all the powers of our hearts and minds,
we praise You Father and Your Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus
Christ:

Heavenly Father, by Your wondrous condescension
of loving-kindness toward us Your servants,
You gave up Your Son.

Lord Jesus, You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father
by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness.

You cleared away the darkness of sin.

By Your glorious and radiant Resurrection

You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.

You reconciled heaven and earth.

Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us.

Your Resurrection has washed away our sins,
restored our innocence and brought us joy.

How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love! Amen. Alleluia!

Pope Saint Gregory the Great (540 – 604)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

From the Easter hymn by Donald E. Fishel

Tuesday of the Easter Octave

Collect:

O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies,
endow Your people with heavenly gifts,
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,
they may rejoice in heaven
over what gladdens them now on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our 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 20:11-18

Today's prayer:

Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travellers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the saviour has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth
Is complete.

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Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

From the Easter hymn by Donald E. Fishel

Wednesday of the Easter Octave

Collect:

O God, who gladden us year by year
with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection,
graciously grant,
that, by celebrating these present festivities,
we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.
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: Luke 24:13-35

Today's prayer:

Thanks be to You,
my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits and blessings
which You have given to me,
for all the pains and insults
which You have borne for me.
O most merciful Friend,
Brother and Redeemer,
may I know You more clearly,
love You more dearly,
and follow You more nearly.

Saint Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia!

From the Easter hymn by Donald E. Fishel

Thursday of the Easter Octave

Collect:

O God, who have united the many nations in confessing Your Name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. 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: Luke 24:35-48

Today's prayer: A Future Not Our Own.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No programme accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
That is what we are about.
We plant a seed that will one day grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

This prayer was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in Nov. 1979 as a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Romero, Bishop Untener included in a reflection book a passage titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to St Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him.

Friday of the Easter Octave

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who gave us the Paschal Mystery
in the Covenant You established
for reconciling the human race,
so dispose our minds, we pray,
that what we celebrate by professing the faith
we may express in deeds.
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 21:1-14

Today's prayer:

A Prayer before a Crucifix

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the shadows of my heart,
and grant to me;
a right faith,
a certain hope
perfect charity,
and sense and understanding, O Lord,
so that I may accomplish
Your holy and true command.

St Francis of Assisi (1181/82 – 1226)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.
Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

From the Easter hymn by Donald E. Fishel

Saturday of the Easter Octave

Collect:

O God, who by the abundance of Your grace
give increase to the peoples who believe in You,
look with favour on those You have chosen
and clothe with blessed immortality
those reborn through the Sacrament of Baptism.
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: Mark 16:9-15

Today's prayer:

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks
for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent!
Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins.
Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven
and enable them to make our peace with God.
Holy Mary, help the miserable,
strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful,
pray for your people, plead for the clergy,
intercede for all women consecrated to God.
May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection.
Be ready to help us when we pray,
and bring back to us the answers to our prayers.
Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God,
For you were blessed by God
and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world,
who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430)

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above:
Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

*A verse from the 1904 hymn 'A toi la gloire, O Resuscité'
By Edmond Budry (1904) Translated by Richard Birch Hoyle*