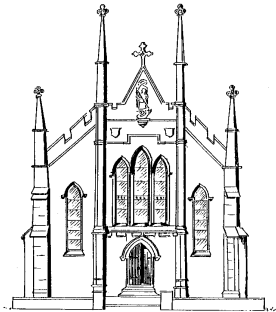


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 9 IN ORDINARY TIME



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Trinity Sunday

Collect:

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race Your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore Your Unity, powerful in 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: John 3:16-18

Today's prayer:

Glory be to the Father,
source of all life and holiness,
whose love called creation into being
and whose providence guides the world in mercy.

Glory be to the Son,
eternal Word made flesh,
our Saviour and Redeemer,
who by the Cross and Resurrection
has opened for us the way to eternal life.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
breath of God and fire of divine love,
who dwells within the Church,
strengthens the faithful,
and renews the face of the earth.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Monday – St Justin

Martyr

patron saint of philosophers, apologists, and those seeking truth through faith and reason.

Collect:

O God, who through the folly of the Cross wondrously taught Saint Justin the Martyr the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, grant us, through his intercession, that, having rejected deception and error, we may become steadfast in the faith..

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 5:13-19

Today's prayer:

Saint Justin Martyr,
you used your mind to seek the truth
and found yourself restless
until you discovered the Christian faith.

With your newfound faith,
wedded to your human intellect,
you embraced your God-given mission
of defending the faith against persecution.

Please pray for me,
that I may also come to a deeper understanding of the Truth
and have the courage I need to proclaim that Truth to others.

Saint Justin Martyr (c.100–165) was an early Christian philosopher and apologist who defended the faith before the Roman authorities. Born in Samaria, he embraced Christianity after seeking truth in philosophy. He was martyred in Rome under Emperor Marcus Aurelius, leaving important writings on Christian worship and belief.

Tuesday – Week 9

St Marcellinus & St Peter

Martyrs

Collect:

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
keep from us, we humbly beseech You,
all that might harm us
and grant all that works for our 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:

Today's prayer:

O God, who surround us with protection
through the glorious confession
of the Martyrs Saints Marcellinus and Peter,
grant that we may profit by imitating them
and be upheld by their prayer.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Marcellinus, Pray for us

Saint Peter, Pray for us

Saints Marcellinus and Peter (d. c.304) were Roman martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Marcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist.

They were executed for their faith and buried secretly along the Via Labicana.

Their witness was honoured by the early Church and Pope Damasus.

Wednesday – St Charles Lwanga and Companions

Martyrs - *patron saints of African Catholic youth, converts, and courage in Christian witness.*

Collect:

O God, who have made the blood of Martyrs
the seed of Christians,
mercifully grant that the field which is your Church,
watered by the blood
shed by Saints Charles Lwanga and his companions,
may be fertile and always yield you an abundant harvest.
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 5:1-12a

Today's prayer:

O God, by whose providence,
the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church:
Grant that we who remember before you,
the blessed martyrs of Uganda,
may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ,
to whom they gave obedience even unto death,
and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions (martyred 1885–1887) were Ugandan Christians who remained faithful to Christ amid persecution under King Mwanga II. Charles, a Catholic catechist, courageously protected the young pages entrusted to him and encouraged them in faith. Twenty-two Catholic martyrs were burned alive at Namugongo on 3 June 1886. Their witness became a powerful sign of the growth of Christianity in Africa, and they were canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1964.

Thursday – Week 9

Collect:

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
keep from us, we humbly beseech You,
all that might harm us
and grant all that works for our good.
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 12:28-34

Today's prayer:

Keep from us, we ask You, O Lord,
all that would wound the soul, darken the mind,
or lead us away from Your love.
Grant instead all that works for our true good:
faith that trusts You, hope that sustains us,
charity that makes us generous,
and the peace that comes from walking in Your ways.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday – St Boniface

Bishop and Martyr

patron saint of Germany, missionaries, and evangelists.

Collect:

May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord,
that we may firmly hold the faith
he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood
and confidently profess it by our 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 10:11-16

Today's prayer:

O Saint Boniface, faithful bishop, courageous martyr,
and tireless herald of the Gospel,
you left the shores of England
to bring the light of Christ to the peoples of Germany.
Strengthen the Church in our own land,
that we too may be steadfast in faith,
bold in witness, and generous in service.
Pray for England, for her people and pastors,
that the Gospel once planted here with such devotion
may flourish again in holiness and truth.
Obtain for us hearts faithful to Christ, zealous in charity,
and ready to proclaim His saving name.
Through your prayers,
may we remain firm in the Catholic faith
and one day share with you the joy of the heavenly kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Boniface, Pray for us

Saint Boniface (c.675–754), known as the “Apostle of Germany,” was an English monk and missionary who preached the Gospel throughout Germany and neighbouring lands. A gifted organiser and courageous evangeliser, he strengthened the Church, founded monasteries, and reformed Christian life. He was martyred in Frisia while preparing converts for Confirmation and was canonised soon after his death.

Saturday – Week 9

St Norbert - *patron saint invoked for peace and reconciliation, especially where there is conflict or division within the Church and society.*

Collect:

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,
keep from us, we humbly beseech You,
all that might harm us
and grant all that works for our good.
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 12:38-44

Today's prayer:

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Norbert
a servant of your Church
outstanding in his prayer and pastoral zeal,
grant, we ask, that by the help of his intercession,
the flock of the faithful
may always find shepherds after your own heart
and be fed in the pastures of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Norbert, Pray for us

Saint Norbert (c.1080–1134) was a German bishop and founder of the Premonstratensian, or Norbertine, Order. After a profound conversion, he embraced a life of preaching, penance, and renewal within the Church. As Archbishop of Magdeburg, he worked to reform clergy and strengthen Eucharistic devotion, becoming known for his zeal, simplicity, and pastoral care.