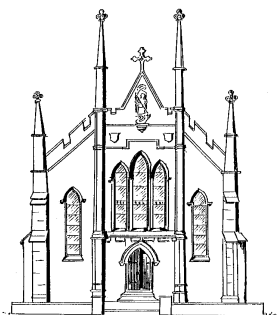


**DAILY  
PRAYERS**

**WEEK 12 IN  
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# Sunday – Week 12

## **Collect:**

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love Your holy Name,  
for You never deprive of Your guidance  
those You set firm on the foundation of Your love.  
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 10:26-33

## **Today's prayer: A Prayer for Life**

Heavenly Father,  
You are the Lord and giver of life,  
and every person is precious in Your sight.  
Open our hearts to cherish and protect  
the gift of human life in all its stages,  
from conception to natural death.  
Give courage to those who are afraid,  
hope to those who are struggling,  
comfort to the sick and elderly,  
and strength to all who care for the vulnerable.  
Teach us to recognise the dignity of every human person,  
created in Your image and loved by You.  
May our words and actions always reflect  
the compassion of Christ,  
who came that all might have life  
and have it in abundance.  
Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Life,  
help us to build a culture of love,  
welcome, and respect for every human being.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Monday – St John Fisher & St Thomas More

Martyrs

*St John Fisher - patron saint and model for bishops, theologians, and those who defend the faith with courage and integrity.*

*St Thomas More - Declared by Pope John Paul II in 2000 to be the Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. A patron for those involved in public service, law, government, and all who seek to follow a well-formed Christian conscience.*

## **Collect:**

O God, who in martyrdom have brought true faith to its highest expression, graciously grant that, strengthened through the intercession of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, we may confirm by the witness of our life the faith we profess with our lips. 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 10:34-39

## **Today's prayer:**

Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, faithful servants of Christ and courageous witnesses to the truth, you remained steadfast in faith when the cost was great and gave your lives rather than deny your Lord. Pray for us, that we may have the courage to follow Christ with integrity, to speak the truth with charity, and to remain faithful to our conscience, formed by the wisdom of the Gospel.

Intercede for all who serve in public life, for those entrusted with authority and responsibility, and for all who seek justice, peace, and the common good. Help us, in every circumstance, to place God before all earthly honours, and to trust in His providence when faithfulness is difficult. May your example strengthen us to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and, one day, share with you the joy of His heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Fisher, Pray for us

Saint Thomas More, Pray for us

*Saint John Fisher (c. 1469–1535), Bishop of Rochester, and Saint Thomas More (1478–1535), scholar, lawyer, and Lord Chancellor of England, were among the most distinguished figures of their age. When King Henry VIII rejected papal authority, both remained faithful to the Catholic faith and the unity of the Church. Imprisoned in the Tower of London, they were executed within weeks of one another in 1535. Their courage, integrity, and fidelity to conscience continue to inspire Christians and all who seek truth and justice.*

# Tuesday – Week 12

St Ethelreda (St Audrey)

Abbess - *patroness of Ely and a model of faithful discipleship*

## Collect:

Grant, O Lord,

that we may always revere and love Your holy Name,  
for You never deprive of Your guidance  
those You set firm on the foundation of Your love.

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 7:6,12-14

## Today's prayer:

Saint Etheldreda, faithful disciple of Christ and holy abbess of Ely,  
you left behind earthly honours to seek the riches of God's kingdom.  
Teach us to love Christ above all things, to follow Him with undivided  
hearts,

and to persevere in faith through every trial.

Pray for our homes, our communities, and our Church,  
that we may grow in holiness, charity, and peace.

Help us to use God's gifts wisely

and to seek first the things that endure forever.

May your example of prayer, humility, and joyful service  
encourage us on our pilgrimage to heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Etheldreda, Pray for us

*Saint Etheldreda, also known as Saint Audrey (c. 636–679), was an Anglo-Saxon princess who became Queen of Northumbria before embracing the religious life. Determined to dedicate herself wholly to Christ, she founded the great monastery of Ely in Cambridgeshire and served as its abbess. Renowned for her prayer, charity, and purity of life, she became one of the most venerated saints of early England. The name "tawdry" derives from inexpensive lace once sold at fairs held in her honour, known as St Audrey's fairs.*

# Wednesday – Nativity of St John the Baptist

## Solemnity

### Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that Your family may walk in the way of salvation  
and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged,  
may come safely to the One he foretold,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Luke 1:5-17

### Today's prayer:

O God, who filled Saint John the Baptist with joy  
even before his birth  
and called him to prepare the way for Your Son,  
grant that we, like him, may recognise Christ in our midst  
and bear faithful witness to His saving presence.  
Give us courage to proclaim the truth,  
humility to decrease that Christ may increase,  
and hearts ready to lead others to the Lamb of God.  
Through the prayers of Saint John the Baptist,  
make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and generous in love,  
until we come to rejoice in Your kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Elizabeth, Pray for us

St Zechariah, Pray for us

St John the Baptist, Pray for us

*Today's Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist celebrates the birth of the one chosen by God to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. John stands at the meeting point of the Old and New Testaments: the last of the prophets and the first witness to the Messiah. His birth, foretold by the angel Gabriel and granted to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age, reveals God's faithfulness to His promises. One of only three birthdays celebrated in the Church's calendar, this solemnity reminds us that every Christian is called to point others to Christ.*

# Thursday – Week 12

## Our Lady of Fernyhalgh

### Collect:

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love Your holy Name,  
for You never deprive of Your guidance  
those You set firm on the foundation of Your love.  
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 7:21-29

### Today's prayer: Prayer to Our Lady of Fernyhalgh

Our Lady of Fernyhalgh, faithful Mother and gentle Queen,  
for centuries you have watched over the people of this land  
and gathered your children beneath your loving care.  
Turn your compassionate gaze upon us today.  
Lead us ever closer to your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and teach us to trust in Him with steadfast hearts.  
Comfort the sorrowful, strengthen the weak,  
guide the wandering, and deepen the faith of all who seek your help.  
Pray for our families, our parishes, and the Diocese of Lancaster.  
May this ancient place of pilgrimage continue to be a source of grace,  
hope, and renewal for all who come in faith.  
Our Lady of Fernyhalgh, Mother of the Lord and Mother of the Church,  
walk with us on our journey to Heaven  
and never cease to intercede for us before your Son.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Fernyhalgh, Pray for us  
All you holy English martyrs. Pray for us

*The Shrine of Our Lady of Fernyhalgh is one of England's oldest Marian pilgrimage sites, with a tradition stretching back to the medieval period. Local tradition traces its origins to the 11th century, while records confirm a chapel there by the mid-14th century. A well-known tradition tells of a merchant rescued from a storm at sea who, in 1471, built a chapel there in thanksgiving to Our Lady. During the Reformation and Penal Times, Catholics continued to gather there, often in secret and despite great danger. Closely associated with the English Martyrs, Fernyhalgh remains a place of pilgrimage, prayer, reconciliation, and steadfast faith today.*

# Friday – Week 12

## **Collect:**

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love Your holy Name,  
for You never deprive of Your guidance  
those You set firm on the foundation of Your love.  
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 8:1-4

## **Today's prayer:**

Heavenly Father, You have set us firm on the foundation of Your love.  
When faith is tested and the way ahead seems uncertain,  
keep us steadfast in Your grace and secure in Your peace.  
Build us into a living temple of faith, hope, and charity.  
Strengthen our hearts to trust Your promises, to serve You with  
generosity,  
and to witness to Christ with courage and joy.  
May nothing separate us from Your love, and may our lives be rooted in  
Him  
who is our rock, our salvation, and our peace.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Saturday – Week 12

St Cyril of Alexandria

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

*patron saint of Alexandria, the city and patriarchate he led. And patron saint and model for theologians, teachers of the faith, and those who defend Catholic doctrine*

## **Collect:**

Grant, O Lord,

that we may always revere and love Your holy Name,

for You never deprive of Your guidance

those You set firm on the foundation of Your love.

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 8:5-17

## **Today's prayer:**

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Cyril of Alexandria

an invincible champion of the divine motherhood

of the most Blessed Virgin Mary,

grant, we pray, that we, who believe she is truly the Mother of God,

may be saved through the Incarnation of Christ Your Son.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Cyril of Alexandria, Pray for us

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria (c. 376–444) was one of the great bishops and theologians of the early Church. Elected Patriarch of Alexandria in 412, he is best remembered for defending the true divinity and humanity of Christ against the teachings of Nestorius. At the Council of Ephesus in 431, he upheld the Church's faith and defended the title of Mary as Theotokos, "God-bearer" or "Mother of God." His writings profoundly shaped Christian theology, and he is honoured as a Doctor of the Church.*