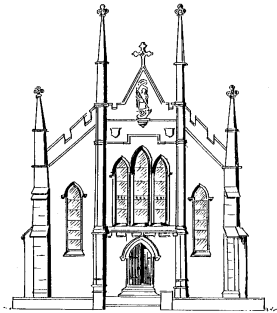


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 18 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday - Week 18

Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
You may restore what You have created
and keep safe what You have restored.
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 14:13-21

Today's prayer:

Lord, draw near to us in Your love
and hear our prayers.
Be our Creator,
our guide,
and our constant help.
Restore in us all that sin has wounded,
and keep us safe
in the new life You have given us
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday - Week 18

Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
You may restore what You have created
and keep safe what You have restored.
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 14:13-21

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
in Your unceasing kindness
never leave us.
As You have made us Your own
and restored us by Your grace,
keep us faithful in Your service
until we rejoice forever in Your presence.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday – St John Vianney

Pastor - *patron saint of parish priests*

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
who made the Priest Saint John Vianney
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,
grant, we pray,
that through his intercession and example
we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ
and attain with them eternal glory.
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 9:35–10:1

Today's prayer:

I love You, O my God,
and my only desire is to love You
until the last breath of my life.
I love You, O my infinitely lovable God,
and I would rather die loving You,
than live without loving You.
I love You, Lord
and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally...
My God, if my tongue cannot say
in every moment that I love You,
I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

A prayer of St John Vianney

St John Vianney, Pray for us

St John Vianney (8th May 1786 – 4th August 1859), was a French priest who is often referred to as the "Curé d'Ars" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. This is attributed to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday - Week 18

Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome
Feast of Our Lady of the Snows

Collect:

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who made the Priest Saint John Vianney
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,
grant, we pray,
that through his intercession and example
we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ
and attain with them eternal glory.
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 15:21-28

Today's prayer: A prayer to Our Lady of the Snows

O Mary, Lady of the greatest heights,
teach us to climb the holy mountain of life in Christ.
Guide us along the paths of God, marked by your maternal footprints.
Teach us the path of love, that we might always live in love.
Teach us the path of joy, that we might bring joy to others.
Teach us the path of patience, that we might welcome everyone in generosity.
Teach us the path of goodness, that we might serve our brothers and sisters in need.
Teach us the path of simplicity, that we might enjoy the beauties of creation.
Teach us the path of meekness, that we might bring peace to the world.
Teach us the path of fidelity, that we might never tire of doing good.
Teach us to raise our eyes to the heights, so as to never lose from our sight the final goal of our lives: eternal communion with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major commemorates the oldest church in the West dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows, it recalls the ancient tradition that Mary indicated the site for the basilica by a miraculous snowfall on 5 August. More importantly, the feast honours Mary as Mother of God, whose loving intercession, protection, and maternal care continue to strengthen and guide the Church throughout the world

Thursday – Transfiguration of the Lord

Collect:

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of Your Only Begotten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,
grant, we pray, to Your servants,
that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son,
we may merit to become co-heirs with Him.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Today's prayer: A Christian's Prayer in Union with Creation

Father, we praise You with all Your creatures.
They came forth from Your all-powerful hand;
they are Yours, filled with Your presence and Your tender love.
Praise be to You!

Son of God, Jesus, through You all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
You became part of this earth,
and You gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today You are alive in every creature in Your risen glory.
Praise be to You!

Holy Spirit, by Your light
You guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and You inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to You!

*Pope Francis from Prayers at the end of the Encyclical,
"On Care of Our Common Home, " Laudato Si"*

Friday - St Edmund Arrowsmith, St Ambrose Barlow & Companions

The Martyrs of Lancaster

Collect:

Almighty Father, may those who died on the hill above Lancaster, grieving for England which they prayed God soon to convert, be our patrons now in heaven, that our lives may witness to the faith they professed.

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 16:24-28

Today's prayer: A Litany of the Lancaster Martyrs

St Edmund Arrowsmith, Pray for us

St Ambrose Barlow, Pray for us

Blessed Edward Bamber, Pray for us

Blessed James Bell, Pray for us

Blessed John Finch, Pray for us

Blessed Richard Hurst, Pray for us

Blessed Thurstan Hunt, Pray for us

Blessed Robert Middleton, Pray for us

Blessed Robert Nutter, Pray for us

Blessed John Thules, Pray for us

Blessed Thomas Whittaker, Pray for us

Blessed John Woodcock, Pray for us

Blessed Edward Thwing, Pray for us

Blessed Roger Wrenno, Pray for us

Venerable Lawrence Bailey, Pray for us

All unknown men and women who died in Lancaster for the faith, Pray for us

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith, Saint Ambrose Barlow, and their fellow Martyrs of Lancaster gave their lives for the Catholic faith during the persecutions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Serving the faithful in secret despite the danger, they remained steadfast in their love for Christ and His Church. Their courage, fidelity, and forgiveness continue to inspire us to profess our faith with confidence, trusting that Christ is always faithful to those who remain faithful to Him.

Saturday - St Dominic

Religious - patron saint of the Dominican Republic and of astronomers

Collect:

May Saint Dominic come to the help of Your Church
by his merits and teaching, O Lord,
and may he, who was an outstanding preacher of Your truth,
be a devoted intercessor on our behalf.
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: Luke 9:57-62

Today's prayer:

May God the Father,
who made us, bless us.
May God the Son,
who redeemed us, send healing into our midst.
May God the Holy Spirit,
who gives us life, move within us.
May God give us eyes to see to God,
ears to hear God,
and hands to bring God's work into the world.
May we walk with God
and preach the word of God to all.
May the angel of peace watch over us
and lead us at last by God's grace
to the eternal Kingdom.

St Dominic, Pray for us

All Holy saints of the Dominican order, Pray for us

Saint Dominic (1170–1221), founder of the Order of Preachers, dedicated his life to proclaiming the Gospel with truth, humility, and charity. Through prayer, study, and preaching, he sought to lead others to Christ and to strengthen the faith of the Church. His legacy lives on in the Dominican family, whose mission continues to unite contemplation with active service, reminding us that truth is best proclaimed by lives of holiness and love.