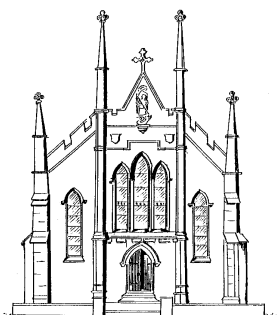


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 19 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
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Sunday – Week 19

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as Your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which You have promised.
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: Mathew 14:22-33

Today's prayer:

Almighty God, my Eternal Father,
from the fullness of my soul I adore You.
I am deeply grateful that You have made me
in Your image and likeness,
and that You ever hold me in Your loving embrace.
Direct me to love You with all my heart,
with all my soul,
and with my whole mind.
Direct me to love all Your children as I love myself.
O, my Father, my soul longs to be united to You,
and to rest in You forever.
Have the Holy Spirit touch my soul
so that I may love You as He does,
and as Your Beloved Son Jesus does. Amen.

Monday – St Lawrence

Deacon Martyr - *patron saint of deacons, cooks, and the poor.*

Collect:

O God, giver of that ardour of love for You
by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faithful in service
and glorious in martyrdom,
grant that we may love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught.
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 12:24-26

Today's prayer:

O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St Lawrence,
pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world
may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to
help them.

Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful
and protect her rights and property
so that she may serve the needy in freedom,
giving them good things for soul and body.
May we come some day with all those whom we helped on Earth
to the bright mansions of Heaven
where we will enjoy the riches of God's house
and the company of the Saviour who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

St Lawrence, Pray for all deacons and pray for us

*Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr of Rome, gave his life for Christ
during the persecution of Emperor Valerian in AD 258.
Renowned for his care of the poor, he declared them to be the Church's
true treasure. His joyful courage in suffering and unwavering faith
continue to inspire Christians to serve Christ generously in those most in
need and to witness fearlessly to the Gospel.*

Tuesday – St Clare of Assisi

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patron saint of television, embroiderers, eye disease, and the Poor Clares.

Collect:

O God, who in Your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty, grant, through her intercession, that, following Christ in poverty of spirit, we may merit to contemplate You one day in the heavenly Kingdom. 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: Mastthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Today's prayer:

Saint Clare, faithful disciple of Christ, teach us to seek the true riches that never fade. Help us to live with simplicity, trust in God's providence, and love for all whom He places in our path. May your example lead us to deeper prayer, steadfast faith, and joyful service, until we share the everlasting light of Christ. Amen.

Saint Clare, Pray for us

Saint Clare of Assisi (1193–1253) was inspired by Saint Francis to embrace a life of poverty, prayer, and joyful trust in God. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies, now known as the Poor Clares, whose hidden life of contemplation continues to enrich the Church. Her unwavering faith, simplicity, and love of Christ remind us that true riches are found not in possessions but in wholehearted devotion to God.

Wednesday – Week 19

St Jane Frances de Chantal

patron saint of widows, parents separated from their children, forgotten people, and the Visitation Order.

Collect:

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whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
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the spirit of adoption as Your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which You have promised.
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 18:15-20

Today's prayer:

O God, who made Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
radiant with outstanding merits in different walks of life,
grant us, through her intercession,
that, walking faithfully in our vocation,
we may constantly be examples of shining light.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Jane, Pray for us

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (1572–1641) was a devoted wife, mother, and widow before founding the Order of the Visitation with Saint Francis de Sales. Renowned for her gentleness, courage, and deep trust in God's providence, she taught that holiness is found in faithful love and humble service. Her life encourages us to seek Christ with generous hearts and to persevere in charity through every stage of life.

Thursday – Week 19

St Pontian (Pope) and St Hippolytus (Priest) - Martyrs

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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 18:21-19:1

Today's Prayer: Prayer of Self-Dedication to Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ,
take all my freedom,
my memory,
my understanding, and my will.
All that I have and cherish You have given me.
I surrender it all to be guided by Your will.
Your grace and Your love are wealth enough for me.
Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more. Amen.

by Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

St Pontian, Pray for us

St Hippolytus, Pray for us

Saint Pontian, Pope, and Saint Hippolytus, priest, were reconciled in Christ before suffering martyrdom together during exile in Sardinia around AD 235. Once divided by disagreement, they became united in faith, forgiveness, and witness to the Gospel. Their shared martyrdom reminds us that Christian unity is strengthened through reconciliation, humility, and steadfast fidelity to Christ, even in the face of suffering and death.

Friday – St Maximilian Kolbe

Martyr - *patron saint of amateur radio operators, drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, and prisoners*

Collect:

O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbour, graciously grant, through his intercession, that, striving for Your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to 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 15:9-17

Today's prayer: "Love Alone Creates" (- a phrase of St Maximilian's)

St Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives, and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world, by word and deed, that only "Love alone creates."

Help me to become more like you.

With you and Mary and the Church, may I proclaim that only "Love alone creates."

To the hungry and oppressed,
the naked and homeless,
the scorned and hated,
the lonely and despairing,
may I proclaim the power of Christ's love,
which endures forever and ever. Amen.

St Maximilian, Pray for us

All victims of injustice and hatred, Pray for us

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (1894–1941), a Conventual Franciscan priest, gave the supreme witness of Christian love when he freely offered his life in place of another prisoner at Auschwitz. Deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he proclaimed the Gospel through preaching and the media with tireless zeal. His heroic charity and unwavering faith remind us that love is stronger than hatred and that Christ is victorious even in suffering.

Saturday – Week 19

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God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 19:13-15

Today's prayer:

Lord God,
as we keep vigil
for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
prepare our hearts to rejoice
in the hope You have given us.
Through Mary's faithful "yes,"
teach us to trust Your will,
persevere in faith,
and fix our eyes
on the glory You promise to all who love You.
May we follow her example
until we share the joy of Your heavenly kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On this Vigil of the Assumption, the Church prepares to celebrate Mary's being taken body and soul into heavenly glory. Her Assumption is a sign of the hope promised to all who belong to Christ, who has conquered sin and death. As we await tomorrow's feast, we ask Mary to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and lead us ever more faithfully to her Son, the Lord of life.