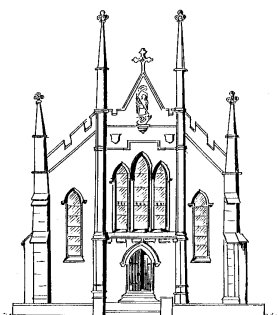


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 23 IN ORDINARY TIME



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Sunday – Week 23

Collect:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon Your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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:

God our Father,
extend our horizons,
widen our vision,
and remind us how inter-connected we are
as Your sons and daughters.
Breathe Your Spirit into us
that we may live more truly
as brothers and sisters of one another.

Our Father...

Monday – Week 23

Collect:

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look graciously upon Your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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 6:6-11

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father
we come into Your presence
so aware of our human frailty
and yet overwhelmed by Your love for us.
We thank You that there is no human experience
that we might walk through where Your love cannot reach us.
If we climb the highest mountain
You are there and yet if we find ourselves in the darkest valley of our
lives,
You are there.
Teach us today to love You more.
Help us to rest in that love
that asks nothing more
than the simple trusting heart of a child.
Most loving Father
we come before You as your sons and daughters.

Tuesday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect:

Impart to Your servants, we pray, O Lord,
the gift of heavenly grace,
that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
may bring deeper peace
to those for whom the birth of her Son
was the dawning of salvation.
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 1:1-16,18-23

Today's prayer:

Lord our God,
at the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
the first light of salvation began to dawn,
for from her would come Christ,
the Light of the world.
As we rejoice in her birth,
fill our hearts with the hope she brings.
Teach us, like Mary,
to listen for Your voice,
to trust the unfolding of Your grace,
and to say yes to whatever You ask of us.
Through her prayers,
may Christ shine more brightly in our lives,
until we come with her
to the joy of Your eternal Kingdom.
Amen.

Wednesday – Week 23

St Peter Claver SJ - *patron saint of enslaved people and those who work for their freedom.*

Collect:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon Your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.

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 6: 20-26

Today's prayer:

God of justice and mercy,
St Peter Claver recognised Your beloved children
in those whom others enslaved and despised.
Through his prayers, remember all who today
are trapped in slavery, trafficking and forced labour.
Break the chains that bind them,
protect those who are vulnerable,
and give courage to all who work for their freedom.
Open our eyes to injustice
and teach us to defend the dignity of every person,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Peter Claver, Pray for us

St Peter Claver (1580–1654) was a Spanish Jesuit priest who spent more than forty years ministering to enslaved Africans arriving at Cartagena in present-day Colombia. Meeting the slave ships as they entered the harbour, he brought food and medicine, tended the sick and dying, and defended the dignity of those who had been treated as possessions rather than people. He called himself “the slave of the Africans for ever.”

Thursday – Week 23

Collect:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon Your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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 6:27-38

Today's prayer:

God our Father,
You call us from darkness into light
and from slavery into the freedom of Your love.
Set us free from all that holds us captive,
from selfishness, fear and sin,
that, belonging wholly to Christ,
we may walk in truth,
serve one another in love,
and know the glorious freedom
of Your children.
Amen.

Friday – Week 23

Collect:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon Your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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 6:39-42

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
You came to set Your people free.
Grant that all who believe in You
may receive the true freedom of the children of God:
freedom from sin and fear,
freedom to love and serve,
and freedom to follow You with joyful hearts,
now and always.
Amen.

Saturday – The Most Holy Name of Mary

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, for all who celebrate the glorious Name
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
she may obtain your merciful favour.
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 1:39-47

Today's prayer:

*No one has better spoken of the Holy Name of Mary than Saint Bernard.
Allow his words to plant deep within your hearts the gift of an abiding
devotion to Mary's holy name:*

“In dangers, in hardships, in every doubt,
think of Mary, call out to Mary.
Keep her in your mouth,
keep her in your heart.
Follow the example of her life,
and you will obtain the favour of her prayer.
Following her, you will never go astray.
Asking her help, you will never despair.
Keeping her in your thoughts, you will never wander away.
With your hand in hers, you will never stumble.
With her protecting you, you will not be afraid.
With her leading you, you will never tire.
Her kindness will see you through to the end.
Then you will know by your own experience
how true it is that the Virgin's name was Mary.”