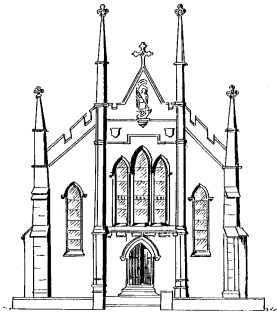


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 31 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday – All Saint's Day

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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 5:1-12a

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the great multitude of saints,
known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith
and now rejoice in Your presence.
They were ordinary men and women,
with their own struggles, weaknesses and failings, yet they trusted in
Your mercy
and allowed Your grace to work in their lives.
Through their prayers and example,
encourage us on our own journey of faith.
When we grow weary, give us strength;
when we stumble, help us to begin again;
when we lose heart, remind us that Your love never fails.
Help us to recognise that holiness is not beyond our reach,
but grows through the small acts of love,
kindness, patience and forgiveness that fill our ordinary days.
May we, too, become the saints You are calling us to be,
until that day when, with Our Lady and all the saints in glory,
we shall see You face to face.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday – All Souls’ Day

Collect:

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in Your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for Your departed servants
also find new strength.

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 6:37-40

Today’s prayer:

Heavenly Father, God of mercy and compassion,
we remember today all those
who have gone before us in faith,
and all who have departed this life.

We pray especially for our families and friends,
for those whose love has enriched our lives,
whose kindness we remember with gratitude,
and whose absence we still feel.

We remember, too, those who have no one to pray for them,
those who died alone or forgotten,
and all who are still in need of Your mercy.

Forgive them their sins, heal all that was wounded or imperfect,
and bring them into the fullness
of Your peace and everlasting joy.

Comfort all who mourn, strengthen our hope in the Resurrection,
and help us to live each day in the knowledge that death is not the end,
but the doorway to eternal life in Christ.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Tuesday – Week 31

St Winefride, Virgin - patron saint of virgins, those suffering from illness, and those seeking healing, especially people with neurological disorders. She is also associated with Holywell in North Wales, a celebrated place of pilgrimage.

St Martin de Porres, Religious - patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, people of mixed race, barbers, hairdressers, public health workers and those who care for the poor and sick.

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift Your faithful offer You
right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things 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: Luke 14:15-24

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the example of
St Winefride and St Martin de Porres,
whose lives reflected Your healing love and compassion for those in need.
Through their intercession, bring comfort and healing to the sick,
strength to those who suffer, and hope to all who face difficulties.
Help us to follow their example by treating everyone with kindness and respect,
overcoming prejudice and division and recognising the dignity of every person.
May their prayers encourage us to grow in faith, humility and generosity,
and to serve You with joyful and willing hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
St Winefride and St Martin de Porres, pray for us.

***St Winefride**, was a seventh-century Welsh virgin who, according to tradition, was miraculously restored to life after being killed by a rejected suitor. She later became an abbess at Gwytherin. Her holy well at Holywell in North Wales remains an important place of pilgrimage, prayer and healing.*

***St Martin de Porres**, (1579–1639) was a Peruvian Dominican lay brother renowned for his humility, charity and care for the sick and poor. Despite suffering racial discrimination, he treated everyone with kindness and compassion. Canonised in 1962, he is the patron saint of racial harmony, social justice and public health workers.*

Wednesday – St Charles Borromeo

Bishop - *patron saint of bishops, seminarians, catechists and spiritual directors*

Collect:

Preserve in the midst of Your people,
we ask, O Lord, the spirit with which You filled
the Bishop Saint Charles Borromeo,
that Your Church may be constantly renewed
and, by conforming herself to the likeness of Christ,
may show His face to the world.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 10:11-16

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and example
of St Charles Borromeo, a faithful bishop and devoted shepherd of Your people.
Through his tireless service, his care for the poor and the sick,
and his dedication to the renewal of the Church,
he showed the love of Christ in action.
Through his intercession, strengthen all bishops, priests and deacons
in their ministry of service.
Give them wisdom in their teaching, compassion in their care for others,
and courage in times of difficulty.
Help us, too, to recognise the needs of those around us,
to serve with generosity and humility,
and to remain faithful to the Gospel in all that we say and do.
May we, like St Charles, seek not our own glory,
but the glory of Your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

St Charles Borromeo, pray for us.

St Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) was Archbishop of Milan and one of the leading figures of the Catholic Reformation. Born into a noble Italian family, he devoted his life to renewing the Church following the Council of Trent. He established seminaries, improved the education and discipline of clergy, and worked tirelessly for the spiritual welfare of his people. During the plague in Milan, he personally cared for the sick and dying. Remembered for his humility, charity and pastoral dedication, he was canonised in 1610.

Thursday – Week 31

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift Your faithful offer You
right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things 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: Luke 15:1-10

Today's prayer:

Loving Father, guide us along the path that leads to You.
When we stumble, raise us up;
when we grow weary, renew our strength;
and when difficulties arise, strengthen our trust in Your
promises.
May we journey with joyful hope towards the everlasting life
You have prepared for us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday – Week 31

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift Your faithful offer You
right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things 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.
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 16:13-19

Today's prayer:

Almighty and merciful God,
all that we have and all that we offer comes from Your
goodness.
Help us to serve You with generous hearts,
to remain faithful in the ordinary duties of each day,
and to give You glory in all that we do.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday – Week 31

St Willibrord, Bishop

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift Your faithful offer You
right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things 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.
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 16:1-8

Today's prayer:

O Lord our God, You call whom You will and send them where You choose:

We thank You for sending your servant Willibrord
to be an apostle to the Low Countries,
to turn them from the worship of idols to serve You, the living God;
and we entreat You to preserve us from the temptation
to exchange the perfect freedom of Your service
for servitude to false gods and to idols of our own devising;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and
ever. Amen.

St Willibrord, Pray for us

***St Willibrord** (c. 658–739) was an English missionary bishop, known as the Apostle of the Frisians. Born in Northumbria, he studied at Ripon and later in Ireland before travelling to the Low Countries to preach the Gospel. In 695, Pope Sergius I consecrated him Archbishop of the Frisians, with his see at Utrecht. He founded the monastery of Echternach in Luxembourg, which became an important centre of Christian learning and missionary activity.*

Remembered for his courage, perseverance and missionary zeal.