



Prayers to End the Day
Summer Term 2019

“Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God.”
Philippians 4:6

“Give me a person of prayer,
and such a one will be capable of accomplishing anything”
St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday 23rd April

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of the resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.

Wednesday 24th April Christ the stranger,

who walked alongside friends in their sorrow, and shared their bread, give us grace to walk with others on their journeys, and so become true companions. Amen

Thursday 25th April

Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.
Amen

Friday 26th April

Lord, may the hope of your resurrection colour our days.
May the promise of your Spirit working in us light up our lives.
May the love you revealed to us shape our actions.
May the truth in your word guide our journeys.
And may the joy of your Kingdom fill our lives. Amen

Monday 29th April

We pray to God our Father for all the people who help make St. James' to be our special family. Father, may our school be a family which offers caring as well as learning, which offers safety as well as knowledge, which shares faith as well as instruction.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen



Tuesday 30th April

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us
Our Father, who art in heaven...

May is the Month of Mary. In one of her apparitions to believers over the centuries she said "I feel so happy to be able to help the children who beg me for protection. But so many do not ever come to me." During May we are encouraged to ask Mary for her help. Please take any opportunity to pray the Hail Mary in lessons.

Wednesday 1st May

Today is the feast day for St. Joseph the Worker, and we pray for workers God our Father, creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Amen.

Thursday 2nd May

We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say Hail Mary, full of grace...

Friday 3rd May

Today is the Feast day of St. James, our patron saint James, man of prayer... pray that we listen and respond to God's call in our lives. James, holy apostle... pray that we may be disciples of Jesus in word and in action. James, friend of Jesus... pray that we may be loyal in our friendships. James, compassionate teacher... pray that we may serve one another in love. James, faithful to God's call... pray for us in our efforts to live our faith. James, comfort of the troubled... pray for those who are suffering.

Holy Apostle, walk with us on our journey of faith. May your prayers help us to grow in our faith, and rejoice in communion with all the saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen

Tuesday 7th May

Draw us forth, God of all creation.

Draw us forward into your love.

Give us the capacity to taste the richness of the feast you give us.

Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts. Help us to experience the resurrection anew, with open wonder, and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter.

Amen

Wednesday 8th May

Lord of life, we pray for all who bring your joy as a light to those in darkness.

For those who bring your peace to those enslaved by fear.

For those who bring your love to those in need of comfort. Lord of joy, peace and love, help us to make you known through our lives. Amen

Thursday 9th May



We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Friday 10th May

Creator God, you were there at the beginning of time, and are here with us now.
You are in all the ups and downs of our lives.
You are in the routine patterns of plans and friendships.
Help us to sense where your patterns were at work in our lives today. Teach us to trust in your timeless love.
Amen

Monday 13th May

Lord, we carry things around each day.
We carry strengths to share and worries we sometimes hide.
We carry joy and we carry difficulties.
When things are difficult, may we always try to help others with their burdens.
When we are filled with joy, may we share that with others.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

Tuesday 14th May

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Wednesday 15th May

Lord, we give you our hands – to do your work.
We give you our feet – to go your way.
We give you our eyes – to see as you do.
We give you our tongues – to speak your words.
We give you our minds – that you may guide our thoughts.
Above all, we give you our hearts, that you may love in us.
We give you our whole selves, that you may grow in us. Amen

Thursday 16th May

Lord, we know we can come to you if we feel burdened.
You promise that we will find rest in you.
Help us to trust you with our tensions and confusions. May we let go of the things that worry us, and find rest in your life-giving presence.
Amen

Friday 17th May

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We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen



Monday 20 May

Heavenly Father,

help us to see ourselves as you see us; worthy of infinite love and with incredible gifts.

Teach us the things we need to fulfil your purpose in us.

We place ourselves in your hands.

Amen

Tuesday 21st May

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us Our Father, who art in heaven...

Wednesday 22nd May

Lord, may those who take risks and make sacrifices for their own education, or the education of others, inspire us always in our pursuit of learning and the life of faith. May we learn from one another, gain the knowledge to build a better world, and realise the potential you give to all. Amen

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Wednesday 5th June

Loving Lord, you have given us the sun so that we can see clearly.

You have given us clouds to provide us with cooling rain.

You have given us the wind to calm our heated tempers.

You have given us the night time so that we can rejoice once more at the start of a new day.

Amen



Thursday 6th June

May God guard us and keep us in safety and comfort, and in health and strength, sending us nothing but good.

May God send down so many blessings that the day is not long enough to hold them all.

Amen

Friday 7th June

The response to the prayers is help us

Loving God, we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit: help us

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit

Holy Spirit: help us

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit

Holy Spirit: help us

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit

Holy Spirit: help us

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit

Holy Spirit: help us

In Jesus' name, Amen

Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, the end of the Easter season.

It is a celebration of God sending the Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us, as Jesus promised.

Monday 10

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Tuesday 11th June

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

Wednesday 12th June

Loving God, we ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives: in our relationships; in our work and service; in our worship; in our times of joy and pain.

Amen

Thursday 13th June

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to follow what is right and always rejoice in your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Friday 14th June

Sunday is the Day for Life, dedicated to raising awareness about the value of human life, at every stage and in every condition.

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you.

In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Monday 17

Sunday was the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity God for us, we call you Father, God alongside us, we call you Jesus,

God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.

You are the Eternal Mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things, every name falls short of your goodness and greatness.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

Amen.

Tuesday 18th June

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Wednesday 19th June

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Thursday 20th June

This week is World Refugee Week

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards the day when all will rejoice in your kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday 21st June

Tomorrow is the feast day of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, and is a day dedicated to prayer for those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: for those who are discriminated against because of their race, colour or religion; for those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; for those deprived of reasonable healthcare and education; for those suffering from hunger and famine;



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for those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; for the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it.

We pray for anyone we know who is personally affected by injustice.

Forgive us, Lord, if we contribute to these injustices.

Show us how we can serve your children and make your love real. Amen

Monday 24

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Tuesday 25th June

You call us to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. Give us your strength in our weakness, grant us peace, gentleness and the courage to proclaim more of you. Amen

Wednesday 26th June

Lord, you give us our lives:

all that we are, our bodies and our minds.

You inspire us to learn more about the world around us, about you, about ourselves and about one another.

May we enjoy the freedoms that you give us, inspired to live as you call us to. Amen

Thursday 27th June Open our eyes, Lord, as we walk through this world, as we feel the wind and sunshine, and as we see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes. Help us to see you.

Amen

Friday 28th June

Sunday is the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul Christ Jesus, help us to be faithful to you, like St. Peter and St. Paul.

We know both these men made mistakes, but they went on to be important in the early years of the Church. You chose St. Peter to be the rock on which you built your Church.

St. Paul turned his life from one of hatred to one of love for you. Inspire us to show our faith in all that we do.

Amen.

St. Peter pray for us

St. Paul pray for us

Monday 1st July

Grow, Jesus, grow in me.

in my spirit, in my heart, in my imagination, in my senses.

Grow in me in your gentleness, in your purity, in your humility, in your love.

Grow in me your grace, your light and your peace. Amen

Pierre Oliviant, Jesuit priest 19th Century



Tuesday 2nd July God our creator,
you have given us the talent and discipline which help us to play and to compete together:
whether we win or fail let us be gracious, and let us never be glad at another's setbacks;
Grant that when we use the skills you have given us, we may recall you, the source of all our
abilities. Amen

Wednesday 3rd July

We pray for the world in which we are called to let our light shine; for the people who will
see our good deeds; and for the Church in which the light of the Gospel is proclaimed. Lord,
in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thursday 4th July

Lord, you have shared with each of us the gift of life. Help us to remember that in
everything we have done today, you have been close to us. Thank you for being with us
today.

Amen

We ask our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for us as we pray Hail Mary...

Friday 5th July

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Tuesday 9th July

Lord, be a constant guide on our journey.

We need your patience when we struggle to know and do your will.

Help us to trust, even when fear and frustration throw us into confusion. Stay close to each
of us now, as Father, Son and Spirit, and help us to rest in your love always. Amen

Wednesday 10th July

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us Our Father, who art in heaven...

Thursday 11th July

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.

As we come towards the end of the year,

we give thanks for the good things you have done in and through us, and we praise you for
all who have shared in the work of our school.



We ask you to bless us all in your love.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Friday 12th July This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when traditionally we pray for seafarers and their families. Holy Spirit, may you join the crew of every ship that sails the oceans, bringing them peace and harmony.

May your presence counsel the downhearted,
heal the sick and bind together seafarers of all nationalities, cultures and faiths so that they can live in harmony despite their differences. Where there is a language barrier, be their mouthpiece.

Amen

Monday 15th July

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Tuesday 16th July

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all hope, you are the opposite of despair.
Just as the prophets called people to lives filled with goodness, you call us to live in goodness. May we be faithful to you, especially during difficult times. Amen

Wednesday 17th July

Lord, you give us life and light, we give thanks for such great gifts.
Keep us from despair and the fear of what is to come.
Strengthen our will to give up selfishness today.
May your love in us overcome all things:
let there be no limit to our faith, our hope, and our endurance.
Amen

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Friday 19th July

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank you for the beauty we see all around us and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation. Thank you for the increased time we have to be with friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw us closer to you this summer.



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Teach us how we can pray no matter where we are or what we're doing. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence and light our path with your word and guidance. Amen.