

HOME PRAYERS

EASTERTIDE 2023



Week 2

Monday 17th

Do not be surprised when I say: You must be born from above. The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit. **John 3**

Grant, we pray, almighty God that we who have been renewed by paschal remedies, transcending the likeness of our earthly parentage, may be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker. Though Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 18th

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. **Acts 4**

Enable us we pray, almighty God, to proclaim the power of the Risen Lord, that we, who have received the pledge of his gift, may come to possess all he gives when it is fully revealed. Though Christ our Lord

Wednesday 19th

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. **John 3**

Light of the world, Lord Jesus Christ, shine on us so that we may walk steadfastly today in the path of life; give light to our minds and warmth to our hearts, so that your light may shine out in all we do and say

Thursday 20th

He who comes from heaven bears witness to the things he has seen and heard, even if his testimony is not accepted; though all who do accept his testimony are attesting the truthfulness of God, **John 3**

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God, that in its flame we may love you with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves, so that, keeping your commandments, we may glorify you the giver of all good gifts

Friday 21st

Gamaliel spoke to the Sanhedrin: If this enterprise, this movement of theirs, is of human origin it will break up of its own accord; but if it does in fact come from God you will not only be unable to destroy them, but you might find yourselves fighting against God.’ **Acts 5**

Rise up, o children of light, and let us give glory to the Lord who alone can save our souls. O Lord, as you withdraw sleep from the eyes of our body, grant us wakefulness of mind so that we may stand before you in awe and sing your praises worthily.

Saturday 22nd

It was getting dark by now and Jesus had still not rejoined them. The wind was strong, and the sea was getting rough. They had rowed three or four miles when they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming towards the boat. This frightened them, but he said, ‘It is I. Do not be afraid.’ **John 6**

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For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Week 3

Monday 24th

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' **John 6**

May your people exult for ever O God in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 25th

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' **John 6**

O God who willed that through the paschal mysteries the gates of mercy should stand open for your faithful, look upon us and have mercy that as we follow by your gift the way you desire for us, so may we never stray from the path of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 26th

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. **John 6**

O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You, where and how to find You. Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by loving You, let me love You when I find You.

Thursday 27th

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’ **John 6**

Almighty ever-living God, let us feel your compassion more readily during these days, when by your gift we have known it more fully, so that those you have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Friday 28th

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. **John 6**

Grant, we pray almighty God, that we who have come to know the grace of the Lord’s resurrection, may, through the love of the Spirit, ourselves rise to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Saturday 29th

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ ...Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’ **John 6**

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Week 4

Monday 1st

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' **John 10**

O God, perfect light of the blessed, by whose gift we celebrate the paschal mysteries on earth, bring us, we pray, to rejoice in the full measure of your grace for ages unending. Through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 2nd

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. **John 10**

Almighty, ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Wednesday 3rd

Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me, sees the one who sent me. I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not stay in the dark any more. **John 12**

O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Thursday 4th

After he had washed the feet of his disciples, Jesus said to them: 'I tell you most solemnly, no servant is greater than his master, no messenger is greater than the man who sent him. 'Now that you know this, happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly.

John 13

Lord God, you restore our human nature to a dignity higher than you gave it at creation. Look with favour on the mystery of your love; keep your gifts of grace intact in those whose life you have renewed in baptism, the sacrament of new birth. Through Christ our Lord.

Friday 5th

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

John 14

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection, we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Saturday 6th

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

John 15

O God who willed that through the paschal mysteries the gates of mercy should stand open for your faithful, look upon us and have mercy that as we follow by your gift the way you desire for us, so may we never stray from the path of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 5

Monday 8th

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. John 14

Lord, by your grace we are made one in mind and heart. Give us a love for what you command and a longing for what you promise, so that, amid this world's changes, our hearts may be set on the world of lasting joy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

Tuesday 9th

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...The world must be brought to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father told me. John 14

Lord our God, in the resurrection of Christ you create us anew for eternal life. Grant your people firmness in faith and constancy in hope: let us never doubt that you will fulfil what we know you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Wednesday 10th

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. John 15

O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of truth. Through Christ our Lord

Thursday 11th

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.'

John 15

O God, by whose grace, we, though sinners, are made just and though pitiable are made blessed, stand we pray by your works, stand by your gifts, that those justified by faith may not lack the courage of perseverance. Through Christ our Lord

Friday 12th

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

John 15

All-powerful, ever-living God, you made St John bishop and leader of your people. May his prayers help to bring us your forgiveness and love. Through Christ our Lord

Saturday 13th May

If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own... Remember the words I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they kept my word, they will keep yours as well.

John 15

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Week 6

Monday 15th

When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. John 15

Grant, O Merciful God, that we may experience at all times the fruit produced by the paschal observances. Through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 16th

Now I am going to the one who sent me. Not one of you has asked, “Where are you going?” Yet you are sad at heart because I have told you this. Still, I must tell you the truth: it is for your own good that I am going because unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I do go, I will send him to you.

John 16

Grant, almighty and merciful God, that we may in truth receive a share in the Resurrection of Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Wednesday 17th

When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. John 16

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that as we celebrate in mystery the solemnities of your Son's resurrection, so, too, we may be worthy to rejoice at his coming with all the saints. Through Christ our Lord

Thursday 18th

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

Ephesians 1

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Friday 19th

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name

John 15

O God, who made your people partakers in your redemption, grant, we pray, that we may perpetually render thanks for the Resurrection of the Lord. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Saturday 20th

I have been telling you all this in metaphors, the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in metaphors; but tell you about the Father in plain words. I came from the Father and have come into the world and now I leave the world to go to the Father.'

John 16

O God, whose Son at his Ascension to the heavens, was pleased to promise the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, grant, we pray, that just as they received manifold gifts of heavenly teaching, so on us, too, you may bestow spiritual gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 7

Monday 22nd

I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have trouble but be brave: I have conquered the world. **John 16**

May the power of the Holy Spirit come to us, we pray, O Lord, that we may keep your will faithfully in mind and express it in a devout way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 23rd

Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. **John 17**

Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Spirit, coming near and dwelling graciously within us, may make of us a perfect temple of his glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 24th

They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.' **John 17**

Holy Spirit, Comforter and Sanctifier, melt our hearts that we may accept Your love. Renew our minds that we may know Your truth. Strengthen our will that we may follow You faithfully, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thursday 25th

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. **Isa 11**

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon your people and grant us a new vision of Your glory, a new experience of Your power, a new faithfulness to Your Word and a new consecration to Your service so that Your love may grow among us and Your kingdom come through Christ our Lord, Amen

Friday 26th

Do not be surprised when I say: You must be born from above. The wind blows where it pleases; you can hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

Saturday 27th

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. **Gal 5**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

