



Summer 2023 – Week 5

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 15th to 19th May

- 14th May – St Matthias
- 14th May – 6th Sunday of Easter
- 15th May – National Children’s Day ([info](#))
- 15th May – International Day of Families ([info](#))
- 16th – 20th Walk to School Week ([info](#))
- 16th May – St Simon Stock
- 18th May – Feast of the Ascension
- 18th National Numeracy Day ([info](#))
- 19th May – St Dunstan
- 20th May – St Bernadine of Siena
- 20th World Bee Day ([info](#))
- 21st May – World Day of Prayer for Communications
- 21st May – 7th Sunday of Easter

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Each morning an act of worship should be made. This can be led by yourself or a pupil and can be made up of prayers from this booklet, www.richardchalloner.com/chaplaincy, or both.

[Guidance on best practice for Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

[A selection of Catholic Prayers to use in Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

Prayers for Morning Worship – 15th to 19th May

Theme for the week – Feast of the Ascension

When Jesus ascended into heaven, according to the gospel account, he returned to his father to sit at his right hand in glory until the end of time. But he also promised not to leave us like orphans. He remains with us, more closely now because he is not just physically present in the world any longer: no space or time separates us from him. He is the Lord of all creation, and guides everything to fulfilment in the kingdom of God. In preparation of the feast of the Ascension, we pray for the power of God's Spirit to fill out hearts and minds so that we can do his will and carry on the work of the Gospel.

(Cardinal Basil Hume)

Lord Jesus, who after your resurrection from the dead gloriously ascended into heaven: grant us the help of your loving kindness, that according to your promise your spirit will always be with us here on earth, and we with you in heaven, where with the father and the Holy spirit you live and reign one God for ever and ever.

(Gelasian Sacramentary)

"The Ascension of Christ is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth."

(William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury 1942 – 44)

When Jesus returned to his Father, perhaps his Father said to him:

"Son, what was the worst of all? Was it the nails?

"No Father, the hardest thing wasn't the nails, it was the kiss of betrayal – the kiss from someone I had trusted as a close friend."

Help us Lord, to remain loyal to you
and to all of our friends through good times and bad times.

(Based on a reflection by G.K.Chesterton)

God our Father,
to those who love you, everything works out for good,
because you have chosen us
to bear the image of Jesus, your Son,
who not only dies for us, but rose from the dead,
and now sits on your right hand,
praying for us as we commemorate this Ascension day.
And so with you on our side, who can be against us?
Even if we face hard times or are threatened –
your love is greater still,
and nothing can ever separate us from your love.
Even in difficulties, Father, we can never be failures
because of the power of your love.
Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)



Bishop Richard Challoner

During his lifetime and after his death, he was considered not only as a model of every virtue but as a saint. We are asked to pray that our Blessed Lord, through the Pope, may reward him further, by raising him to the altars of the Church as a Saint.

Prayer for the Beatification of Bishop Richard Challoner

O God who made your servant Richard,
a true and faithful pastor of your little flock in England,
raise him, we beseech you, to the altars of thy Church,
that we, who have been taught by his word and example
may invoke his name in heaven,
for the return of our country to belief in the Gospel,
and to the unity of all Christians in the one Church of Jesus Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Richard Challoner

Pray for us

