



# Summer 2023 – Week 9

## Morning Prayers



### Dates of Interest this week – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June – Pride Month ([info](#))
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – Day of Prayer for Life ([info](#))
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June – Learning Disability Awareness Week ([info](#))
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – St Alban
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – World Refugee Day ([info](#))
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – St Aloysius Gonzaga
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – National Writing Day ([info](#))
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – St John Fisher & St Thomas More
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – World Rainforest Day ([info](#))
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – International Widow's Day ([info](#))
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – United Nations Public Service Day ([info](#))
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – Birth of St John the Baptist
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – Day of the Seafarer ([info](#))

### Chaplaincy on Social Media

["From a School Chaplain" on Facebook](#)

["Prayerful Pause" on YouTube](#)

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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](http://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 – 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June

### Theme for the week – Prayers for Father's Day

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, priests and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen

(Rev. Chuck Currie)

Dear God,

Bless all the fathers in the world who have accepted the responsibilities of being a parent. Guide them to be outstanding role models to their children. Let them look to your example and to parent with patience, unconditional love and understanding. Amen.

(Author Unknown)

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers;  
may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died,  
but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen.

(Author Unknown)

God our Father, thank you for our fathers. Please continue and complete your work in him, granting that he may walk with you like Enoch, believe you like Abraham, obey you like Isaac, wrestle with you like Jacob, know your hand on his life like Joseph, speak face-to-face with you like Moses, win victories for you like Gideon, speak boldly for you like Elijah, worship you like David, see you high and lifted up like Isaiah, and carry Jesus' cross like Simon of Cyrene. Amen

(Bob Hostetler)

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life. Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen.

(Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney)



## 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

