



# Summer 2023 – Week 12

## Morning Prayers



### Dates of Interest this week – 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July

- 9<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sea Sunday
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – St Benedict
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – World Population Day ([info](#))
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – St Bonaventure
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July – World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly ([info](#))
- 24<sup>th</sup> July – 24/7 Samaritans Awareness Day / The Big Listen ([info](#))
- 15<sup>th</sup> August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 1<sup>st</sup> September – World Day of Prayer for Creation ([info](#))
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Season of Prayer for Creation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Chaplaincy on Social Media

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

["Prayerful Pause" on YouTube](#)

["RC Chaplaincy" on Twitter](#)

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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 – 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Theme for the week – End of the School Year

Loving father, as we come to the end of another school year, we turn to you in confidence and place any difficult relationships into the healing hands of Jesus, your son.  
Enable us to leave behind any pain of the past and any regrets or bitterness, entrusting the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.  
Help to appreciate more the need to keep a good balance in our lives.  
May the holiday be for us a time of rest and recreation to help restore us and recreate us in your image and likeness, as we enjoy more of the love and presence of our families, on whom we ask your blessing. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

God our father, We give thanks for all those who have enriched our lives over the past year: at home, at school, in church and in our local communities.  
We give thanks father for the gifts, talents and skills that you have given to each one of us. In giving thanks for what has been on the past, we ask your blessing on our present and on our future.  
We pray for wisdom in setting priorities and in making our choices that we may live fully and make our part of the world a better place because of the care and compassion that we will bring to it.  
Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

May God guard us and keep us in safety and comfort,  
in health and in strength, sending us nothing but good.  
May God send down so many blessings  
that the day is not long enough for them all. Amen

(Adapted from traditional Chinese blessing)

O God,  
protect those whom we love when they are separated from us.  
Guide them when they are uncertain,  
comfort them when they are lonely or afraid,  
and bless them with the warmth of your presence.  
Thank you that neither space nor time  
can cut us off from the love we have for each other and for you.

(Angela Ashwin)

God our father,  
we ask for your blessing on us as we look forward to our summer holiday.  
May we use the holiday to relax after a busy term.  
Let us enjoy the time that we will be spending with our families and friends outside school.  
Keep us and those we care about safe from harm, so that we may return rested and refreshed for the new school year in September. Amen

(Angela Ashwin)



## 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

