

Autumn 2023 – Week 8 Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 31st Oct to 3rd Nov

- 29th October 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (<u>info</u>)
- 29th October International Day of Care and Support (<u>info</u>)
- 1st November All Saints Day (<u>info</u>)
- 2nd November All Souls Day (<u>info</u>)
- 1st November World Vegan Day (info)
- 2nd November Stress Awareness Day (info)
- 4th November St Charles Borromeo (<u>info</u>)
- 5th November 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (info)
- 5th November Bonfire Night

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"From a School Chaplain" on Facebook
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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.

<u>Prayers for Morning Worship – 31st Oct to 3rd Nov</u> <u>Theme for the week</u> – Feasts of All Saints & All Souls

Question for Day 1:

What qualities of the Saints' lives do I desire?

Bible Quote for Day 1:

'It was he who 'gave gifts', he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers' Ephesians 4:11

Prayer for Day 1:

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen.

Question for Day 2:

How can I develop the knowledge and understanding that death is not the end but the beginning of abundant life with Jesus?

Bible Quote for Day 2:

'Our brothers and sisters, we want you to know the truth about those who have died so that you will not be sad, as are those who have no hope' 1 Thessalonians 4:13

Prayer for Day 2:

On this day, we are called to remember those who have died,

Particularly those who have died in the past year,

And pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator.

As your son taught us to call the stranger

neighbour, our fallen are many-

Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen.

We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year.

You raised your son from the dead

that all may share in his joyful resurrection.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Question for Day 3:

What do I know of the power of God's love and mercy in sorrow and loss?

Bible Quote for Day 3:

'For God so loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life' John 3:16

Prayer for Day 3:

For all the faithful who have died we pray,

but in particular for those dear to us,

parents, relatives and friends.

nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth,

who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example.

We pray also for any who may have done us harm,

and stand in special need of Your forgiveness.

Amen (Author Unkown)

Question for Day 4:

What can I do to remind myself not to be afraid and know that Jesus is with me at all times?

Bible Quote for Day 4;

'Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me, your shepherd's rod and staff protect me' Psalm 23:4

Prayer for Day 4:

O God, in the death of your only Son you gave life to the world.

Raise up in joy all those who have died

through the mercy you have shown us

in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

Amen (Author Unknown)

Question for Day 5:

What strategies can I use to persevere in prayer and conversation with Jesus?

Bible Quote for Day 5:

Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads, For this reason, keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people' Ephesians 6:18

Prayer for Day 5:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 5: 8-10





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

