



Autumn 2023 – Week 11

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 20th to 24th November

- 19th to 25th November – Road Safety Week ([info](#))
- 19th November – World Toilet Day ([info](#))
- 19th November – 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ([info](#))
- 19th November – World Day for the Poor ([info](#))
- 20th November – World Children’s Day ([info](#))
- 21st November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ([info](#))
- 22nd November – St Cecilia ([info](#))
- 23rd November – Carer Rights Day ([info](#))
- 24th November – St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions ([info](#))
- 25th November – St Catherine of Alexandria ([info](#))
- 25th November – International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women ([info](#))
- 26th November – Feast of Christ the King ([info](#))
- 26th November – World Youth Sunday ([info](#))
- 26th November – World Sustainable Transport Day ([info](#))

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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 – 20th to 24th November

Theme for the week – Faith

Question for Day 1:

What difficulties do I have believing in the love and mercy of Jesus Christ?

Bible Quote for Day 1:

'For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness' James 1:3

Prayer for Day 1:

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them, so they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it". A week later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!". Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me you believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed".

(Adapted from John 20:24 – 29)

Question for Day 2:

How can I encourage my peers in their faith?

Bible Quote for Day 2:

'For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.'" Romans 1:11-12

Prayer for Day 2:

Great God, Faith is the powerful bond which links all Christian people.
We praise you for faith and faithfulness in the ages of darkness,
In disappointments and disasters, in hostile societies where faith is called madness.
May this great tree of faith continue to grow, deeply rooted on your word,
And offering to all a living faith for the healing of nations

(Bernard Thorogood)

Question for Day 3:

How can I develop a habit of being thankful to God each day?

Bible Quote for Day 3:

'I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.'" Philemon 1:4-6

Prayer for Day 3:

Thank you for the gift of faith. When I am alone or frightened faith is there.
When my friends shut their eyes or turn their backs, faith is there.
When my human world is in turmoil, faith is there. I cannot buy it. I cannot borrow it.
I need only to acknowledge you and faith is there. Remind me that regardless of what appears, I can always depend on you because you, God, are faithful.

(Iyanla Vanzant)

Question for Day 4;

What things can I do to enable my faith to help my worries and anxieties?

Bible Quote for Day 4:

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God' Philippians 4:6

Prayer for Day 4:

A little kid ran across the street runny-nosed, a bit scruffy tripping over almost. She ran towards a man whose Arms were open wide to welcome her. 'Give us a swing Jesus,' she said, and she felt herself lifted high and she saw the street and sky whirling around her, ablaze with colour like a mixed up rainbow. She was laughing then – excited, free gasping for breath 'enough' she said and she felt herself slowing down relaxing, safe as Jesus held her in his arms and smiled... Unless we become like little children, Unless we risk that joy and abandonment Unless we run and ask ourselves to be lifted high We are never going to enter the Kingdom of God.

(The Iona Community)

Question for Day 5:

What tools can I use to help my faith grow?

Bible Quote for Day 5:

'For by grace you have been saved through faith. An this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God' Ephesians 2:8

Prayer for Day 5:

Make us Lord so that our faith is not in our words but in our lives.
Not in what we say but who we are,
Passing on your love like an infectious laugh:
Not worried, not threatening, just shining
like the sun, like a starry night,
like a lamp on a stand,
light for life - your light for our lives.

(The Iona Community)



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

