



Spring 2024 – Week 3

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 22nd to 26th January

- 18th to 25th January – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ([info](#))
- 21st January – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ([info](#))
- 21st January – Sunday of the Word of God ([info](#))
- 24th January – St Francis de Sales ([info](#))
- 24th January – International Day of Education ([info](#))
- 25th January – Conversion of St Paul ([info](#))
- 25th January – Burns Night ([info](#))
- 26th January – St Titus and St Timothy ([info](#))
- 27th January – St Angela Merici ([info](#))
- 27th January – Holocaust Memorial Day ([info](#))
- 28th January – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time ([info](#))
- 28th January – Racial Justice Sunday ([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 – 22nd to 26th 28th January

Theme for the week – Prayers for the Week of Christian Unity

Question for Day 1

What thoughts come to mind when we think of a united nation?

Bible Quote for Day 1

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!"

Psalms 133:1

Prayer for Day 1:

O Lord God, the one God, make your people one. Whatever our differences, even in matters essential, may we ever realise that we are one in Jesus Christ. We pray that your Holy Spirit will so guide and direct our hearts to unite with our brothers and sisters.

Amen

(Christian K.J. Bunsen)

Question for Day 2:

What can I do to bring healing to the divisions in my life?

Bible Quote for Day 2

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement."

1 Corinthians 1:10

Prayer for Day 2:

Eternal God, look mercifully on the broken body of your church. Draw its members to you and to one another by the bonds of your love; that its restored unity may bring healing to the nations and the life of mankind may glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(New Every Morning)

Question for Day 3:

How can I develop the knowledge and understanding that I am part of the one body of Christ?

Bible Quote for Day 3

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call"

Ephesians 4:4

Prayer for Day 3:

"Christ is like a single body which has many parts. It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way all of us...have been baptised into one body by the same spirit and we have all been given the one spirit to drink. For the body itself is not made up of one part but of many parts. If the foot were to say, 'because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not keep it from being part of the body. If an ear were to say, 'because I am not an eye I don't belong to the body', that would not keep it from being part of the body. If the whole body

were just an eye how could it hear? If it were only an ear how would it smell? As it is however, God put every part in the body just as he wanted it to be. There would not be a body if it were all only one part! As it is, there are many parts but one body”.

(1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 20)

Question for Day 4

What prejudices do I need to change in my life and those that are around me?

Bible Quote for Day 4

”Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

Colossians 3:13

Prayer for Day 4:

O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offence to your love.

Amen

(Liturgy of the French United Reformed Church)

Question for Day 5

Where and when can I develop an understanding of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

Bible Quote for Day 5

”And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ

Ephesians 4: 11-13

Prayer for Day 5:

Lord, I feel very deeply my separation from other Christians when I attend there Eucharist and cannot receive their communion. Why must we be so cut off from each other at the moment when we should be sharing you? This should be the time when we are closest together but it is now that I know most deeply the agony of separation. Lord, if it breaks my heart in this way how much more must it break yours? We love each other and we love you. Why must we be separated at this feast of love and union? Lord, make it possible for us to worship together in complete union and fellowship, and show us what we must do to bring this about!

Amen

(Michael Hollings and Etta Gullick)



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

