



# Summer 2024 – Week 5

## Morning Prayers



### Dates of Interest this week – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

- 12<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ([info](#))
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – World Communications Day ([info](#))
- 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness week ([info](#))
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady of Fatima ([info](#))
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – St Matthias ([info](#))
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – International Day of Families ([info](#))
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – St Simon Stock ([info](#))
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – International Day of Light ([info](#))
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – International Day of Living Together in Peace ([info](#))
- 17<sup>th</sup> May – World Telecommunication & Information Day ([info](#))
- 17<sup>th</sup> May – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, & Transphobia ([info](#))
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – St John I ([info](#))
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost 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](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 – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

### Theme for the week – Prayers for the Feast of the Ascension

#### **Question for Day 1:**

What does it mean to me to know that Jesus is always with me?

#### **Bible Quote for Day 1:**

“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”

1 Corinthians 6:14

#### **Prayer for Day 1;**

When Jesus ascended into heaven, according to the gospel account, he returned to his father to sit at his right hand in glory until the end of time. But he also promised not to leave us like orphans. He remains with us, more closely now because he is not just physically present in the world any longer: no space or time separates us from him. He is the Lord of all creation, and guides everything to fulfilment in the kingdom of God. In preparation of the feast of the Ascension, we pray for the power of God’s Spirit to fill out hearts and minds so that we can do his will and carry on the work of the Gospel.

(Cardinal Basil Hume)

#### **Question for Day 2:**

How can I call upon the Holy Spirit to guide me?

#### **Bible Quote for Day 2:**

“So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 1:12

#### **Prayer for Day 2;**

Lord Jesus, who after your resurrection from the dead gloriously ascended into heaven: grant us the help of your loving kindness, that according to your promise your spirit will always be with us here on earth, and we with you in heaven, where with the father and the Holy spirit you live and reign one God for ever and ever.

(Gelasian Sacramentary)

#### **Question for Day 3:**

How and when can I develop my conversation with Jesus?

#### **Bible Quote for Day 3**

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

**Prayer for Day 3:**

"The Ascension of Christ is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth."  
(William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury 1942 – 44)

**Question for Day 4:**

What do I need to do to remain a loyal friend?

**Bible Quote for Day 4:**

"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

**Prayer for Day 4:**

When Jesus returned to his Father, perhaps his Father said to him:

"Son, what was the worst of all? Was it the nails?"

"No Father, the hardest thing wasn't the nails,  
it was the kiss of betrayal – the kiss from someone I had trusted  
as a close friend."

Help us Lord, to remain loyal to you  
and to all of our friends through good times and bad times.  
(Based on a reflection by G.K.Chesterton)

**Question for Day 5:**

When I need reassurance of God's love, how do I ask for it?

**Bible Quote for Day 5:**

"For John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:5

**Prayer for Day 5:**

God our Father,  
to those who love you, everything works out for good,  
because you have chosen us  
to bear the image of Jesus, your Son,  
who not only dies for us, but rose from the dead,  
and now sits on your right hand,  
praying for us as we commemorate this Ascension day.  
And so with you on our side, who can be against us?  
Even if we face hard times or are threatened –  
your love is greater still,  
and nothing can ever separate us from your love.  
Even in difficulties, Father, we can never be failures  
because of the power of your love.  
Amen  
(Nicholas Hutchinson)



## 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

