



# Summer 2023 – Week 2

## Morning Prayers



### Dates of Interest this week – 28<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April – Stress Awareness Month ([info](#))
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George ([info](#))
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Divine Mercy Sunday ([info](#))
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – World Day of Safety & Health at Work ([info](#))
- 29<sup>th</sup> April – St Catherine of Sienna ([info](#))
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – St Pius V ([info](#))
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May – National Walking Month ([info](#))
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – St Joseph the worker ([info](#))
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – International Worker's Day (info)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St Athanasius ([info](#))
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – St Philip ([info](#)) and St James ([info](#))
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – World Press Freedom Day ([info](#))
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ([info](#))
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – International Firefighter's 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](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 – 28<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### Theme for the week – Pope Francis and St Peter's Successor

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

How do my actions towards others show kindness and support?

#### **Pope Francis Quote for Day 1:**

Your own personal vocation does not consist only in the work you do, though that is an expression of it. Your vocation is something more: it is a path guiding your many efforts and actions towards service to others.

*Christus vivit Paragraph 255*

#### **Prayer for Day 1:**

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Am I becoming the person that God created me to be?

#### **Pope Francis Quote for Day 2:**

You have to discover who you are and develop your own way of being holy, whatever others may say or think. Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy... if you simply copy someone else, you will deprive this earth, and heaven too, of something that no one else can offer.

*Christus vivit, Paragraph 162*

#### **Prayer for Day 2:**

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

How to practice hope in myself and towards others?

#### **Pope Francis Quote for Day 3:**

Hope is a little like leaven that expands our souls. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us.

#### **Prayer for Day 3:**

Eternal rest grant unto Pope Francis, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

**Question for Day 4:**

How do I replace my doubts and fears with the goal of God's grace working in me?

**Pope Francis Quote for Day 4:**

Have the courage, then, to replace your doubts with dreams. Replace your doubts with dreams: do not remain hostage to your fears, but set about working to realise your goals!

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**Prayer for Day 4:**

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern Your flock with unfailing care, Grant in Your boundless fatherly love a pastor for Your Church who will please You by His holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. St. Peter, pray for us.

**Question for Day 5:**

What time of day can I include a prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide the decision for the new pope?

**Pope Francis Quote for Day 5:**

As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling.

*Speech to young people at the university in Manila, 2015*

**Prayer for Day 5:**

Father Most Holy, our God and King, Creator of all that was, is, and is to come—

You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen as the successor to Pope Francis.

Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals. Open their hearts to Your inspirations.

Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience, the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter.

May he be a man of deepest compassion, a man of profound faith and hope, a man whose charity shines forth, permeating the darkness of this world with the light of Christ.

Amen



## 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

