

Richard Challoner School

Tutor Group Prayers

Summer A 2020



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Venerable 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. Indeed he was rewarded with the title of “venerable”. 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

The Weekly themes for this half term:

- Week One: Feast of Pentecost
- Week Two: Trinity Sunday
- Week Three: Praise for Creation
- Week Four: Father's Day
- Week Five: Feast of St Peter and St Paul
- Week Six: Our Achievements through the Year
- Week Seven: End of the School Year

Some important dates this half term:

- 31st May – Feast of Pentecost
- 1st June – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church
- 7th June – Holy Trinity Sunday
- 9th June – Feast of St Columba
- 14th June – Feast of Corpus Christi
- 19th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 20th June – International Refugee Day
- 21st June – Father's Day
- 22nd June – Feast of St John Fisher & St Thomas More
- 29th June – Feast of St Peter & St Paul
- 3rd July – Feast of St Thomas
- 11th July – Feast of St Benedict

Week One: The Feast of Pentecost

Holy Spirit, be with us throughout this day,
Strengthen us in our work; enlighten us in our study,
Make us constantly aware of each other and you,
So that we may live every moment of this day as you would have us do.

(Michael Buckley)

God our Father,
Renew our spirits by your Holy Spirit.
Bring us closer to you so that we do your work gladly
and do not find loving you a burden but something to be joyful for.
Amen (Benjamin Jenks)

Week Two: Prayers for Trinity Sunday

O Father, your power is greater than all powers.
O Son, under your leadership we cannot fear anything.
O Spirit, under your protection there is nothing
we cannot overcome.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

God, we praise you.
Father all powerful,
Christ Lord and Saviour,
Spirit of Love,
drawing us to share in your life and your love.
One God, three persons,
be near to the people formed in your image,
close to the world your love brings to life.
We ask you this, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, true and living, for ever and ever.

(From The Liturgy of the Hours)

Week Three: Praise for Creation

Eternal Father, God of all creation, source of all life, may we praise you by our words and our works. Grant that we may be worthy of our place in the creation that you have given us. Through Christ our Lord,

Amen (James Tolhurst)

Lord, our God and king, Your greatness is seen throughout the earth.
When I gaze at the heavens which your fingers have formed, and look at the moon and the stars which you have set there, I realise how small we are in the majesty of your creation.
Yet you treasure us above all that you have made, and you give us control over all of the works of your hand: animals both wild and tame, birds in the air and the creatures of the sea.
Lord, our God and our King, Your greatness is seen throughout the earth.

(Adapted from Psalm 8)

Week Four: Father's Day

On this Fathering Sunday, we remember all the people who have nurtured us, especially the important men in our lives, those who have seen, not just with their eyes, but with their heart. Hear our prayer for fathers around the world.

Amen (Unknown)

We pray for all those for whom this day is difficult:
Those who cannot become fathers, those who have lost children, those who have lost fathers,
Those for whom being a father or a child is very difficult,
Let St Joseph the foster father of Jesus bless them and guide them.

Amen (N. D'Aguiar)

Week Five: Feast of St Peter and St Paul

St Peter and St Paul are linked together in the Roman Catholic Church. Peter, once called Simon, was appointed leader of the apostles by Jesus. But he was often rash and denied Jesus at the passion. Even so, after the resurrection Jesus asked him three times for his love. Paul was a Jew who at first persecuted the Church, but was converted when travelling to Damascus. Both are seen as great protectors of the faith of the church. And we can say that the church is founded on them. St Paul is honoured as patron of public relations and St Peter is patron of fishermen.

(Jude Groden and Chris O'Donnell)

'May the Lord who built the church on Peter's faith bless us with a faith that never stumbles. May the keys of St Peter and the words of Paul lead us to our home in heaven.

Amen

(Adapted from the Roman Missal)

Week Six: Our Achievements through the Year

Today Lord, We can celebrate many achievements of humanity as a whole, But never let us forget that each and every individual needs to be held in respect. We pray today for those unable to work And ask you to give success to the work of our hands. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

God,
Thank you for helping me to progress this year.
I've learnt many new things as the months have passed by.
I've also been part of events that have been achievements not just for me
but for my whole school.
Help me to always try to give my best in all that I do
So that I may never regret not having achieved to the best of my ability.
Amen (Unknown source)

Week Seven: End of the School Year

God our father,
We give thanks for all those who have enriched our lives over the past year: at home, at school, in church and in our local communities.
We give thanks father for the gifts, talents and skills that you have given to each one of us.
In giving thanks for what has been on the past, we ask your blessing on our present and on our future.
We pray for wisdom in setting priorities and in making our choices that we may live fully and make our part of the world a better place because of the care and compassion that we will bring to it.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

God our Father,
we ask for your blessing on us as we look forward to our summer holiday. May we use the holiday to relax after a busy term. Let us enjoy the time that we will be spending with our families and friends outside school. Keep us and those we care about safe from harm, so that we may return rested and refreshed for the new school year in September.

Amen (Angela Ashwin)

General Prayers for Classroom Worship

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.
Give us this day,
Our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
But deliver us from evil

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death
Amen

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is injury let me sow pardon,
Where there is doubt let me sow faith,
Where there is despair let me give hope,
Where there is darkness let me give light,
And where there is sadness let me give joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may try
Not to be comforted but to comfort,
Not to be understood but to understand,
Not to be loved but to love.
Because it is in giving that we receive,
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven,
And it is in dying that
we are born to eternal life.

Prayer of St Richard Of Chichester

Day by day,
O dear Lord,
Three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day
By day by day.

Prayer of St Ignatius

Teach us good Lord to serve you as you
deserve:
To give and not count the cost,
To fight and not heed the wounds,
To toil and not seek for rest,
To labour and to ask for no reward, save that
of knowing that we do your will,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.