



Autumn 2020 – Week 10

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 16th to 20th Nov

- 16th November – St Margaret of Scotland
- 17th November – St Elizabeth of Hungary
- 20th November – World Children's Day
- 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22nd November – Feast of Christ the King

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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 – 16th to 20th Nov

Theme for the week – In times of mourning

Loving Father.

To you the dead do not die and in death our life is changed not ended.

We believe that all that binds us together in love and friendship does not end with death.

Hear our prayers for those close to us who have died.

Hold them safe in your love in your kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

Jesus told us that those who mourn are blessed, because only those who love greatly can mourn.

Bless us this day with the warmth of your love as we mourn those that we have lost. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Lord Jesus,

You wept at the death of your friend Lazarus whom you loved. We pray for our friends in their loss;

Give courage and companionship as they adjust to their situation, and be with them as they grieve.

Amen

(Angela Ashwin)

Draw us closer to you Lord,

so that we may know that we are nearer to our loved ones who are with you.

And while you prepare a place for us as you have promised

prepare us also for that happy place that where you are, we may be also

with those that we have loved, forever.

Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

What is dying?

The ship sailed away, and I stand watching until it fades on the horizon.

And someone at my side says, 'The ship is gone.'

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all;

The ship is just as large as when I saw it. As I see the ship grow smaller and go out of sight,

it is just at that moment that there are others in a different place who say: 'Watch – here the ship comes.' And other voices will take up the glad shout:

'You have arrived!' and that is what dying is about.

(Based on words by William Penn)

There is a Buddhist story of a young woman whose baby grew sick and died. She was torn apart by grief and sorrow and asked a Buddhist holy man if her grief and sorrow would ever go away.

"You must bring me a bowl of rice," he said, "but it must be from a house where no-one has ever suffered the loss of someone they loved and cared for."

So the woman set out, thinking this would be an easy task which would result in her grief and sorrow no longer dominating her life. In the first house that she visited, she found that a family member had died two years before. They talked, and each felt a little better as they shared their experience and learned from one another and supported each other.

In the next house someone had lost a close friend. Again, she and the family found support. And so it went on from house to house. Eventually the woman returned to the holy man who asked if she had the bowl of rice for him.

"No," she said. "Every house that I have visited has suffered the loss of someone they have loved and cared for. What I have discovered is that it is because we love greatly that we experience such pain and sorrow when loved ones die. Our pain and sorrow may get less as time goes by, but they never go away. The medicine I have found in visiting other homes is that peace can come from helping others and sharing their problems." (Traditional Buddhist Story)



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

