



Prayers for the Week Ahead

WEEK BEGINNING 13TH JUNE

Monday 13th June



St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. Anthony's wealthy family wanted him to be a great nobleman, but instead God called him to the life of a poor Franciscan priest. He was a famous preacher and worker of miracles in his day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world. We often turn to St. Anthony when we have lost things, but he is also someone to turn to when we need a miracle in our lives.

Prayer:

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I ask you to obtain for me the favours that I seek (mention your request here). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, who loved to be held in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen

St Anthony of Padua

Tuesday 14th June

On Sunday, in the Church we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

Prayer for the Consecration to the Most Holy Trinity:

O Divine Trinity Father, Son and Holy Spirit, present and active in the Church and in the depths of my soul, I adore you, I thank you, I love you! And through the hands of Mary most holy, I give myself entirely to you for life and for eternity. To you, heavenly Father, I offer and give myself to be consecrated as your child. To you, Jesus Master, I offer and give myself to be consecrated as your brother/sister and disciple. To you, Holy Spirit, I offer and give myself to be consecrated as a "living temple" to be blessed and sanctified. O Mary, Mother of the Church and my Mother, teach me to live, through the liturgy and the sacraments, in ever more intimate union with the three divine Persons, so that my whole life may be a glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Blessed James Alberione)

The Holy Trinity



Wednesday 15th June

In today's Gospel we hear the words: 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. (Matthew 6:1-6,16-18)

Reflection:

Today, Jesus reminds us of the three "hall-marks" of genuine religion: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We need all three.

Prayer without some element of fasting and almsgiving could become so heavenly, as someone has said, that it is no earthly use. Fasting without prayer and almsgiving might end up as simply self-preoccupied dieting. If we give alms but have no time for prayer or some self-denial, perhaps our motto is "do good and avoid God!"

Jesus touches on a sensitive spot here. It's a very human temptation to show off our piety, wanting to be noticed and applauded.

I am not to be put off giving alms. Remember how touched Jesus was by the poor widow, unobtrusively putting her "two small copper coins...all she had to live on," into the temple treasury.



Week 11, Ordinary Time

Thursday 16th June



In today's Gospel we hear the following: Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.'"

Matthew 6:7-15

Reflection:

Prayer can take many forms. But at its heart it is a chat, a conversation, a mutual listening, a comfortable relationship. It is not gabbling my way through a few set formulae, but a loving encounter, as when two good friends meet up and share with one another about things that matter to them both.

Week 11, Ordinary Time

- Our Father...

Friday 17th June



This weekend we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. We have Jesus Christ with us in the Blessed Sacrament in our Oratory's tabernacle. Today, let us make the effort to pay Him a visit.

Prayer to Begin Eucharistic Adoration:

I believe, my God, that I am in your presence, that you are looking at me and listening to my prayer. You are so great and so holy; I adore you. You have given me all; I thank you. I have often offended you, and I ask your pardon with all my heart. You are so merciful; I ask of you all the graces that you know I need. Amen

Corpus Christi