



Evening Prayer in Lockdown 7th - 13th March 2021

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A HYMN *(to be recited)*

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
And close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
In thee to conquer sin.

As thirst and hunger thou didst bear,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and daily live
By thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
And through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

A PSALM (85)

Turn your ear to me, Lord, and hear me,
for I am poor and needy.
Keep my life safe, for I am faithful;
O God, save your servant, who trusts in you.

Take pity upon me, O Lord,
for I call to you all the day long.
Make your servant's heart glad,
for to you, O Lord, I have raised it.

For you, Lord, are gentle and mild:
you are kind to all those who call on you.
Let your ears hear my prayer, O Lord!
Turn to the voice of my pleading!

In my time of trouble I call on you,
for you, O Lord, will hear me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EXAMEN

Before listening to the Word of God take a moment to reflect:

For what am I grateful to God today?
Did I offend God today? If so, how? Say sorry to God.
How might I do better tomorrow?
Ask God for strength.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Word of God is taken from the Gospel read at Mass that day. It can be found in the Bible. After reading it, take a few minutes of silence to let the Word enter your heart.

Sunday 7th March John 2:13-25

“Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up”

Monday 8th March Luke 4:24-30

“No prophet is ever accepted in his own country”

Tuesday 9th March Matthew 18:21-35

“To be forgiven, you must forgive”

Wednesday 10th March Matthew 5:17-19

“I have not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to complete them”

Thursday 11th March Luke 11:14-23

“Know that the Kingdom of God has overtaken you”

Friday 12th March Mark 12:28-34

“You are not far from the Kingdom of God”

Saturday 13th March Luke 18:9-14

“The tax-collector, not the Pharisee went home justified”

BIDDING PRAYERS

God our Father knows all the needs of his people,
but he wants us to give first place to his kingdom.
Let us proclaim his greatness in our prayer.

– *May your kingdom come in all its justice.*

Holy Father, you gave us Christ as the shepherd of
our souls;

may your people always have priests who care for
them with his great love.

– *May your kingdom come in all its justice.*

Grant that Christians will prove brothers and
sisters to the sick;

show them the features of your Son in the faces of
those who suffer.

– *May your kingdom come in all its justice.*

Help those who do not believe in the gospel to
come into your Church;

build it up in love to manifest your goodness
everywhere.

– *May your kingdom come in all its justice.*

Father, we know that we are sinners;

grant us your forgiveness and reconcile us with
your Church.

– *May your kingdom come in all its justice.*

May the dead enter eternal life,

may they abide with you for ever.

– *May your kingdom come in all its justice.*

Take time to make your own prayer here.

Our Father...

FINAL PRAYER

Lord, you call us to your service
and continue your saving work among us.
May your love never abandon us.
We ask this of you through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Hail, Queen of the heavens,
hail, Lady of the angels.
Root of our salvation
and our gateway to heaven,
the light of the world was born to you.
Be joyful, Virgin of glory,
most beautiful of all in heaven.
We greet you now, true beauty –
pray for us to Christ.

**May almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, Amen**

AN ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN PRAYER

O God, Trinity of love,
from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each brother or sister
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves. Amen.

*This prayer for all Christians is from Pope
Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti, which was
published on 4 October 2020.*

**Gospel of the third Sunday of Lent:
Jesus cleansing the Temple**

