

## HOME PRAYERS WEEK 5 & HOLY WEEK

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

My son, if you take my words to heart, if you set store by my commandments, turning your ear to wisdom, and applying your heart to truth...you will then understand what the fear of the Lord is, and discover the knowledge of God

#### Proverbs 2

*Lord, arouse in your Church that spirit which guided our Holy Father Benedict. Fill us with that same spirit and grant that we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. Through Christ our Lord.*

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

‘When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and that I do nothing of myself: what the Father has taught me is what I preach;

**John 8**

*May your grace not forsake us O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help. Through Christ our Lord.*

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

To the Jews who believed in him Jesus said: ‘If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will make you free.’

**John 8**

*Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance, and in your kindness grant those you stir to a sense of devotion a gracious hearing when they cry out to you. Through Christ our Lord.*

## **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

**Hebrews 10**

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O LORD, your grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.*

## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

If I am not doing my Father's work, there is no need to believe me; but if I am doing it, then even if you refuse to believe in me, at least believe in the work I do; then you will know for sure that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

**John 10**

*Pardon the offences of your peoples, we pray, O Lord, and in your goodness set us free from the bonds of the sins we have committed in our weakness. Through Christ our Lord.*

## **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

I shall make a covenant of peace with them, an eternal covenant with them... I shall settle my sanctuary among them for ever. I shall make my home above them; I will be their God, they shall be my people.

**Ezekiel 37**

*May the working of your mercy, O Lord, we pray, direct our hearts aright, for without your grace we cannot find favour in your sight. Through Christ our Lord.*

## **Home Prayers – Holy Week**

## **Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

**Isaiah 42**

*O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.*

## **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**Isaiah 49**

*Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

## **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Isaiah 50**

*O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross, so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy, grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.*

## **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.' **John 13**

*Love of you with our whole heart, Lord God, is holiness. Increase, then, your gifts of divine grace in us, so that, as in your Son's death, you made us hope for what we believe, you may likewise in his resurrection, make us come to you, our final end. Through Christ our Lord.*

## **Good Friday**

During his life on earth, Jesus offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. **Hebrews 5**

*We adore your Cross, O Lord, we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection, for behold, because of the wood of a tree, joy has come into the world. May God have mercy on us and bless us; may he let his face shed its light upon us and have mercy on us.*

## **Holy Saturday**

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. **Isaiah 55**

*By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us. May the Light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Amen*