

Part 3 Personal or Communal Prayers

Sunday 4 May Pray always

Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5: 17)

Prayer

Lord of unity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray without ceasing that we may be one, as you are one. Father, hear us as we seek you. Christ, draw us to the unity which is your will for us. Spirit, may we never lose heart. Amen.

Is 55:6-9 - Seek the Lord while he may be found, Ps 34 - I sought the Lord, and he answered me, 1 Thess 5: (12a) 13b-18, - Pray without ceasing, Lk 18:1-8 - To pray always and not to lose heart

Monday 5 May Pray always, trusting God alone

Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess 5: 18)

Prayer

God of all creation, hear your children as we pray. Help us keep our faith and trust in you. Teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, relying on your mercy. Give us truth and wisdom, that your church may arise to new life in one fellowship. You alone are our hope. Amen.

1 Kings 18:20-40-The Lord indeed is God, Ps 23 - The Lord is my shepherd, 1 Thess 5: (12a)13b-18 - Give thanks in all circumstances, Jn 11:17-44 - Father, I thank you for having heard me

Tuesday 6 May Pray without ceasing for the conversion of hearts

Admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted (1Thess 5 : 14)

Prayer

Lord you desire truth deep-down within us: in the secret of our hearts, you teach us wisdom. Teach us to encourage each other along the road to unity. Show us the conversion necessary for reconciliation. Give to each of us a new, truly ecumenical heart, we pray you. Amen.

Jon 3: 1 - 10 - The repentance of Nineveh, Ps 51: 8-15 - Create a pure heart in me, 1 Thess 5: (12a)13b-18 - Encourage the faint-hearted, Mk 11: 15-17 - A house of prayer

Wednesday 7 May Pray always for justice

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all (1 Thess 5: 15)

Prayer

Lord God, you created humanity, male and female, in the divine image. May we pray without ceasing and with one mind and heart that those who are hungry in our world will be nourished, that those who are oppressed will be freed, that all human persons will be treated with dignity; and may we be your instruments in making this yearning a reality. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ex 3: 1-12 - God hears the cry of the Israelites, Ps 146 - The Lord...secures justice for the oppressed, 1 Thess 5: (12a) 13 b- 18 - See that none of you repays evil for evil, Mt 5: 38-42 - Offer no resistance to one who is evil

Thursday 8 May Pray constantly with a patient heart

Be patient with all of them (Thess 5: 14)

Prayer

Lord, make us your disciples, attentive to your Word, day and night. On our journey towards unity, give us hope for fruit in due season. When prejudices and suspicion seem to dominate, we pray you, give us the humble patience necessary for reconciliation. Amen.

Ex 17: 1-4 - Why?, Ps 1 - Yield fruit in its season, 1 Thess 5: (12a) 13b-18 - Be patient with all of them, Lk 18: 9-14 - A humble prayer

Friday May 9 Pray always for grace to work with God

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5: 16)

Prayer

Lord God, in the perfect unity of your being, keep our hearts so burning with the desire and hope for unity that we will never stop working for the sake of your gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 Sam 7: 18-29 - David's prayer of praise and rejoicing, Ps 86 - Incline your ear, O Lord, 1 Thess 5:(12a) 13b-18 - Rejoice always, Lk 10: 1-24 - The sending of the seventy-two

Saturday 10 May Pray for what we need

...help the weak (1 Thess 5: 14)

Prayer

Help us, Lord, to be truly one in praying for the healing of our world, for the mending of divisions in our churches, and of ourselves. May we not doubt that you hear and will answer us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Sunday 11 May Pray always that they all may be one

Be at peace (I Thess 5:13b)

Prayer

Lord, make us one: one in our words, that a single reverent prayer might rise before you; one in our yearning and pursuit of justice; one in love, serving you by serving the least of our sisters and brothers; one in longing for your face. Lord, make us one in you. Amen

Is 11: 6-13 - The wolf shall live with the lamb, Ps 122 - Peace be within your walls, 1 Thess 5: (12a) 13b-18 - Be at peace among yourselves, Jn 17: 6-24 - That they all may be one

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