



# Prayers for Registration Ordinary Time

*Week beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

This month: **Ordinary Time**

We are currently in the church's Ordinary Time... the period of time when we hear the stories of Jesus as an adult... the miracles... the parables... the calling of the twelve disciples... the stories of some of the major events in the Gospel between Jesus's birth and his crucifixion.

This period of Ordinary Time lasts until the beginning of the next major season in the Church's calendar – Lent – which begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

This week: **Third Week of Ordinary Time;**

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** – Feast Day of St Francis de Sales (patron saint of writers, journalists, educators and the religious order the Salesians of Don Bosco); International Day of Education

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>** – Feast Day of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, when Saul converted to Christianity and became Paul (patron saint of evangelists and theologians)

**THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup>** – Feast Day of Saints Timothy and Titus (patron saint against stomach and intestine disorders)

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup>** – Feast Day of St Angela Merici (patron saint of courage, determination and for those who have lost parents); Holocaust Memorial Day

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Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**A prayer for our studies...**

Clarisse, Kaila & Grace in 11S

Lord, we pray for those who are going to sit their GCSEs and A Levels this year. Last week, Year 11 students sat their Mock Exams, and we pray that their results will help them to improve on the areas of their work which they are struggling most with. We pray that you give them the strength and wisdom that they need to be successful.

*\*moment of silence\**

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

**THOUGHT:** Do I always leave my school work to the last minute or do am I person who does it as soon as I can.

**ACTION:** If you have a sibling sitting their GCSEs or A Levels this year, do something kind for them to soothe the stress a little.

Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>

**A prayer for International Day of Education...**

Ethan in 9O

Dear God, we pray for the 'International Day of Education' because we are privileged to have free education in the UK. We consider the millions of people in the developing world who are denied education which impacts their ability to step out of poverty. Pray for the girls and young women who are no longer 'allowed' to receive education in Afghanistan. We hope that through determination, strength and time this can change and young people can be educated everywhere.

*\*moment of silence\**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

**THOUGHT:** What would society be like without an education system?

**ACTION:** Spread awareness to your friends and family either through social media or by having a conversation about the situation in Afghanistan where women are not allowed to be educated in school or university and can't work for charity groups.

Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>

**A prayer for happiness...**

Lewy in 7H

Today's theme is about happiness and joy something which we all deserve to feel. I would like people to think that if they are sad, they always have friends and the St Thomas More community to make them happy.

Dear Lord, we pray that you bless our community with happiness and peace in life. Lead us all from hate and anger and towards love... from restless minds and anxiety and give us peace throughout our journey at St Thomas More.

*\*moment of silence\**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

**THOUGHT:** What do you think of this quote: "Be happy – not because everything is good, but because you can see the good in everything"

**ACTION:** Check upon your friends and make sure they are feeling happy and respected.

Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>

**A prayer for our health...**

Megan, Alyssa & Thomas in 9A

God, we pray for those who are not as fortunate as us to have good and free healthcare. We pray for those of us who are suffering with our health at the moment. We pray that everybody keeps healthy.

Let us take a moment of silence to think and pray for those of us who are mentally or physically struggling at this time.

*\*moment of silence\**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THOUGHT:** How are you feeling today, really? Physically and mentally

**ACTION:** If the answer to the above question is not a positive one, find somebody to talk to. Perhaps a friend or a trusted adult.

Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>

### **A prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day**

Henrik in 10T

It is important to think about the family and people who have been affected by the killings of millions of Jews and other minority groups from around the world during the Holocaust.

Dear Lord, we pray for all the lives lost during the Holocaust. We pray for those most affected with the loss of loved ones, relatives and friends. We thank you for people like Oskar Schindler for saving countless lives from persecution, torture and pain. We pray and ask God that something like this never happens again.

*\*moment of silence\**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THOUGHT:** Why is it important to learn about what happened during the Holocaust?

**ACTION:** Take a moment to remember the countless lives lost, in 1940s Europe but also in other genocides across the world throughout history.