



Prayers for Registration

Ordinary Time

Week beginning January 9th, 2023

This month: **Ordinary Time**

We return to the Church's Ordinary Time... we return to 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 22nd, 2023

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

MONDAY 9th JANUARY – First Day of Spring Term

THURSDAY 12th – Feast Day of St Aelred of Rievaulx (patron saint of bladder stone sufferers)

FRIDAY 13th – Feast Day of St Hilary (patron saint of children with disabilities, mothers and sick people)

Monday January 9th

Prayer of this time

When the song of the angels is stilled
when the star in the sky is gone
when the kings and princes are home
when the shepherds are back with their flocks
the work of Christmas begins.
to find the lost
to heal the broken
to feed the hungry
to release the prisoner
to rebuild the nations
to bring peace among the people
to make music in the heart.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THOUGHT: How do you live out the Christmas message all year around?

ACTION: Pledge to do one kind deed this week for somebody (with the spirit of Christmas!).

Tuesday January 10th

A prayer of thanks

Violet in 11S

Dear Lord

We give thanks to the people who took care of us as we have grown up whether it be our parents, friends or carers. Thank you for good health and a place to live where we feel safe.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THOUGHT: How many minutes in the day do we spend in gratitude?

ACTION: Try to spend double the amount of minutes we normally do being thankful for the good things in our lives.

Wednesday January 11th

A prayer for women in Iran

Students in 9T

Dear Lord, we pray today for all women in Iran and the terrible human rights issues they face and are currently going through. We pray especially for Mahsa Amini and her family. Mahsa was brutally murdered in Iran for not wearing her hijab properly. This sparked a number of protests in the country and resulted in 185 people dying due to government intervention in the protests.

Help all women marginalised across the world live lives true to themselves, empowered by education and supported by governments.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THOUGHT: What would happen in this country if the government tried to tell people what to wear?

ACTION: Support the cause by spending some time reading about issues that women face in countries across the world.

Thursday January 12th

A prayer for students' mental health

Lily in 13T

Dear Lord, at the start of a new term, we pray for the mental health of ourselves, our friends and our peers. May we find the courage to seek help when we need it, and be there for those who need it the most.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THOUGHT: What are you looking forward to this term?

ACTION: Commit to one act of self-care which you will do every week this term.

Friday January 13th

A prayer for the environment

Samantha in 9T

I want us to think about the environment this morning and how it's changing – the snow is melting, the summers are getting hotter, and the winters are getting harsher.

Dear Lord, we pray for the creatures who struggle to live because of the changes in the environment, particularly for animals who can't find food. We pray for the world to become clean again and for the world to recover.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THOUGHT: What impact does climate change have on the animals of the world?

ACTION: If you see some litter today, pick it up and put it in the bin (even if it's not yours!). Keep the world clean.