

Second Day, Opening Week St Gregory the Great

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

REFLECTION

More than a thousand years ago, there lived a Pope who was made a Saint called Gregory. He is known as Gregory 'the Great', and his feast day was celebrated last week.

Pope Gregory made a huge impression on the Church. Among other things, he was the Pope who sent missionaries to convert England to Christianity.

He is known as '*Gregory the Great*', but Gregory said that a Pope should never think of himself as grand.

Instead he should call himself by the title:

'The Servant of the Servants of God';

All of you, as disciples of Jesus, should also think of yourselves as *servants* of God.

You're servants because you call God your *Lord and Master*, and as good servants, you try and do his will.

But if your God's servants, Gregory says that you have your *own* servants to support you, the Pope himself, assisted by all the Bishops and priests.

Every day, Pope Francis, the Bishops and your priests pray for you (including your school chaplain). They're *your servants*, ready to help you as you journey along the path that God has chosen for you.

PRAYERS

Let us ask God to help us serve Him by doing His will on earth, as we say

Our Father...

St Philip: ***Pray for us,***

St Gregory the Great: ***Pray for us.***

In the name....

Other Days, Opening Week

PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Let us all join together and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire
us to do great things in the year ahead,
As we say....*

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle within them the fire of your love.**

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
*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.***

