

Light & Candlemas MORNING PRAYER

Monday

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

REFLECTION

On the feast of Candlemas, we recall Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, in order to consecrate him to God the Father.

At the door of the Temple door, they meet an old man called Simeon, who took the baby Jesus in his arms, and prophesied that Jesus would be a *light* to the Gentiles, a light that would shine in the darkness of the world.

Simeon's eyes, growing dim with age, had seen all they needed to see, and he said that he could now close his eyes on the world because of what they had seen on that day.

That old man Simeon could see what mattered in life.

Let Simeon becomes an example of faith to inspire you; for you have been called to follow Jesus, Light of the World.

PRAYERS

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for shedding the light of His Beloved Son into the world.

Our Father...

St Simeon: Pray for us.

In the name...

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REFLECTION

The role of the Church in the world is to shed light;
To bring the light of Christ into the dark places, especially into
the darkness that exists in the souls of all of those alive in this
present age, including you.

If you let the Church shed the light of Christ into you, then
pray for those who are called upon to carry the light, especially
the Pope, your local Bishop, and the priests he has ordained to
help him.

They need your support, above all in prayer.

But also, you need to let the light of Christ guide you, so that
you can find your way through life and avoid all the pitfalls
that are there to trap you if you go back into the dark.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for Pope Francis, that he be confirmed in his faith,
and that he leads the Church with wisdom and courage.

Lord, hear us...

Let us pray for our Bishops and priests, that they be inspired
to present the teachings of the church for those who live in this
land, as the only light worth following.

Lord, hear us...

St. Philip: **Pray for us.**

House Saint: **Pray for us.**

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Spirit. **Amen.**

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REFLECTION

As a baptised member of the Church, you have received the light of Christ.

Somewhere at home, you probably have a baptismal candle, which was given to your parents and godparents on your behalf.

They are meant to be the guardians of the flame of your faith, to ensure that it is kept burning brightly until you decide at Confirmation to become a torch bearer, and hold the flame of faith for yourself.

It would be good to have that unlit candle near to your bedside, as a reminder that once you have been confirmed, you too will become a torch-bearer, and help bear the light of Christ in the world, guided by the teachings of the Church.

PRAYERS

Let us ask our Lady, Morning Star, to guide us towards the light of her Son.

Hail Mary...

In the name...

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Thursday

THE 8.20 MASS TOMORROW IS OFFERED FOR POPE FRANCIS AND THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES ROSARY REFLECTION

Let us offer up our Rosary intentions those who begin preparations for Confirmation.

FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

1x Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day....

10x Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...

1x Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was... In the name...

Friday FRIDAY PRAYER

Remember that you can go to the Chapel for Confession this lunchtime.

We pray together the prayer of St Simeon

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Glory be...