

Ascension MORNING PRAYER

Monday

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

REFLECTION

In ancient times, when people wanted to draw close to God, they climbed up as high as they could go... Like in the Old Testament when Moses and then Elijah climb mountains so that the Lord could speak to them.

Jesus used to climb into the mountains to be alone with his heavenly Father. Then he took Peter, James and John up with him, and they saw him 'transfigured with light' and heard God the Father speak to them.

This week we reflect on the Ascension, when the Lord Jesus called all of his disciples to 'leave the world behind' and climb a mountain, so that they could meet him for the one last time on earth before he ascended into heaven.

We all struggle to meet Jesus in our own lives, but sometimes it is good to remember that we too can practise 'leaving the world behind' and spending time in the presence of Jesus.

We do this every time we pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the school chapel or in any Catholic Church.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who struggle to find Christ, and have lost all sense of hope. May they find the Lord in their lives.

Lord, hear us....

St Philip: **Pray for us**, *House Saint*: Pray for us.

In the name....

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Tuesday

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

REFLECTION

From the moment that Jesus ascends into heaven, the centre of the universe is no longer the place where Jesus is visible...the centre is now everywhere, which is where the Church will constantly have to go... 'to go out to the ends of the earth' as he commanded his disciples to do.

He told them that they can no longer be small-minded. His disciples had been small-minded; They had simply hoped for the time when their Master would be proclaimed the new King of Israel.

But from the mountain of the Ascension, their small-mindedness was swept away, and he gave his Church the mission 'to proclaim *all* that he had taught them to *all* the nations of the earth'.

And that is what he still urges his Church on earth to do. Not to be small-minded in our hopes, but to allow Jesus to lead us over the horizon, and put our whole lives into the huge perspective which comes from faith in the Risen Lord.

PRAYERS

Let us pray the Universal Church, that all the peoples of the world are united within her, and grow in support of each other to spread the Gospel of Christ more effectively.

Lord, hear us....

St Philip: **Pray for us,** *House Saint:* **Pray for us.**

In the name....

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Wednesday

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

REFLECTION

Before he ascends into heaven, Jesus told his disciples
'I will be with you until the end of time'.

According to St Matthew, those were his last words he spoke on earth.

As his disciples, we also need to remember that Jesus is always with his Church on earth. He never abandons her.

From above, he directs his Church in her mission.

We need to remember that the Church has a single mission, a single purpose, which is to lead all the world into a unity of faith, and a knowledge of the love Christ;

To be united in one baptism, and at peace with one another.

Our task as members of the Church is to make that mission real in our own lives; to strive to be united in our faith under the guidance of our Bishops as successors to the Apostles, knowing that the Lord is with his Church until the end of time.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who have strayed from this mission, and who create divisions and factions in the Church.

May they find the peace that comes only from the Prince of Peace through his Church, his body on earth.

Lord, hear us....

St Philip: Pray for us, House Saint: Pray for us.

In the name....

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Thursday

ROSARY

Rosary intention for those taking public exams this term.

THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY:

THE ASCENSION

After he had spoken to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

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...

Friday

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created

R. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

**Lord, by the light of your Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In that same Spirit help us to relish what is
right and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**