

Wisdom & St Thomas Aquinas

MORNING PRAYER

Monday

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

REFLECTION

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of students.

Although he lived almost 900 years ago, his writings on philosophy and theology still form the foundations of the Church's teaching.

He has interesting things to say about the pursuit of Wisdom. For Thomas, Wisdom is the understanding of the truth of things.

He says that among all our human pursuits, of all the things we do, the pursuit of wisdom is the ultimate end of a human being.

It is the most noble, and the most useful pursuit, and the one that provides us the greatest joy and satisfaction, and this is because the more we understand the truth of things the more we are called to a better life.

So to be wise is to find truth, which is to find happiness.

PRAYERS

Let us ask God to help us realise that in searching for Truth we are searching for Christ, His divine Son.
Lord, hear us...

Let us pray for those nations whose governments prevent their citizens in the pursuit of truth. May they be set free to grow in Wisdom.
Lord, hear us...

St Thomas Aquinas: 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

Saint Thomas Aquinas has good advice for those who are studying.

He says that when you study anything, you need to have *an end* in mind, which is always to appreciate *the truth* of what you are studying.

In order to achieve that end, your studies need to be narrowly focused, which means avoiding the temptation to get *distracted* in your studies.

This is why he described curiosity as a vice; He said when you're curious, you lose sight of what you're trying to achieve in your studies, and end up wasting your time and becoming tired and disheartened, because you've lost a sense of direction.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who are beginning to revise for their public exams, that they learn the art of focusing on the goal of their studies, and avoid distractions.

Let us ask our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, to pray for them.

Hail Mary...

St Thomas Aquinas: **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

We believe that if Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, then he must be Wisdom with a capital 'W'!

Jesus is the personification of Wisdom.

For St. Thomas, wisdom is the pursuit of a goal which you can possess and take into your mind and heart.

So just as you might search for the truth and end up hopefully finding the Truth in Christ Himself...

at the same time, Christ is searching for you, because His goal is to invite you to join Him in heaven, and lose yourself in love for eternity.

We can think of ourselves as His goal,
just as He wants us to think of Him as our goal.

PRAYERS

Let us ask Him to come near to us in our studies and in our searching for the Truth, as we say together...

Our Father...

St Thomas Aquinas: **Pray for us,**
House Saint: Pray for us.

In the name....

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Thursday

ROSARY

Rosary intention for those in our school who have received First Holy Communion this year.

THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

After three days Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

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

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

ST THOMAS'S PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Ineffable Creator,
Pour forth a ray of Your brightness
into the darkened places of my mind;
disperse from my soul the twofold darkness into which I was
born: sin and ignorance.
You make eloquent the tongues of infants;
Refine my speech
and pour forth upon my lips
the goodness of Your blessing.
Grant to me keenness of mind,
capacity to remember, skill in learning,
subtlety to interpret, and eloquence in speech.
May You guide the beginning of my work,
direct its progress, and bring it to completion.
Amen.