

## **Daily Prayer & Reflections**

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Our prayer, with the Pope in both his monthly and his new daily Intentions, is always oriented towards changing our own hearts, preparing ourselves for mission in whatever life-situation we are in.

We are only just beginning to learn and to reflect on this change. Take time out of your day to attend live streamed mass and pray. This sheet has the gospel reading of the day and a reflective prayer.

Prayer for the Day:

*Almighty God,*

*We pray today that we may see your work flourishing in our lives. We pray for each of your children that they may find your love and wisdom in their lives and may follow you.*

*Amen*

***On the @BC\_Chaplaincy Twitter Page, we upload daily reflections and prayer ideas which we invite you to look at with readings of the day also posted. We post small reflections so we can keep God's word active throughout the day and accessible.***

***We also have our sway page where we post chaplaincy resources for prayer and reflection.***

**The Gospel Reading Today :**

**'You are not far from the kingdom of God'**

**John 10:11-16 ©**

**The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.  
'I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock,  
and one shepherd.'

#### **Reflection:**

In the last chapter of John's Gospel there is that wonderful discourse in which Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter assures him three times, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." To which Jesus replies, "Feed my lambs, . . . tend my sheep, . . . feed my sheep."

This is the call to all of us who would follow Jesus – not only to be the sheep – but to tend and feed them as well. It is the imagery that the church has traditionally used for its leadership of bishops and clergy shepherding their flock in particular ways through sacramental and pastoral care. But is it not also the call of all persons who would follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd? All of us are to be like him – through the strengthening and guiding power of the Holy Spirit.

#### *Prayer from the Gospel:*

Lord,

We pray for the spirit to stay guided by you. We pray that we stay on the plan you set for each of us. May we be guided by the light of your love show us who we are meant to be and what we may do to show your glory and love to all who we are around.

Amen

### **Diocesan Information**

Masses are live streamed up and down the diocese and are daily. If you want to watch mass, follow this link select a church and the mass times are listed so you can plan Mass Live stream in to your day:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

Praise and Worship Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8umfBRlwW8>

Kenelm Youth Trust @ Home Resources: <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/home-resources.html>

Twitter: @bc\_chaplaincy

Pause for Prayer Blog: <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/blog/category/catholic-life-blog>

One Life Music Weekly Worship: [https://youtu.be/bs36zxL\\_EE8](https://youtu.be/bs36zxL_EE8)