

May Daily Prayer & Reflections

4th/ May 2020

During the month of May the month of Mary, we are going to be thinking about Mary and her love for all of us and her love for God. She was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that Gods plan for her was steadfast and true.

Throughout these unprecedented times, we need to remember that just because the building of the church is closed, the Church community is well and truly alive and flourishing. Take time out of your day to attend live streamed mass and pray. We need to take time for inspiration from our Mother during this time.

We pray for everyone during this time and take time out of our day to be mindful and reflect on scripture to get guidance.

Prayer for the Day:

Almighty God,

We pray for the unapologetic faith and truth like Mary to openly say Yes to the challenges God puts before us. We pray for her humility and grace and allow her wisdom to break in to our lives today.

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 :

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

*"Behold, I am
the handmaid
of the Lord.
May it be done
to me according
to your word."
Luke 1:38*



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.
'The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Reflection:

Throughout this scripture, it reminds us that we are known, loved and valued. He knows us because He is our creator. During these times, we need time to pause and think of our worth and how much we are loved. God created us for greatness and has a plan in store for each of his flock. We need to remind ourselves about who created us, and the lengths God went too to show his love to us. He sacrificed his son to the cross for our sins and we pray for a faith so unapologetic and enthused that we can raise up our admiration and love to Him.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Allow us to recognise the hand of God at work in our lives today. Help us to realise that what God gives us may not be what we want but what He wants for us and what we need. Thank you for all you bestow on us.

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