

## 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Daily Prayer & Reflections

Throughout these unprecedented times is where we can come together as a community in the Church more than ever. We pray for everyone during this time and take time out of our day to be mindful and reflect on scripture to get guidance.

The gospel today reveals that we all have a mission and a path God has created for each of us and taking time to discover what that means in a tangible sense can be truly encouraging and allows us to be unapologetically ourselves and who we are meant to be

### **Prayer for the Day:**

Lord,

We pray for reliance on you and your strength and joy during these times. We pray to see the hand of God during these times. We express true gratitude for your love and compassion during these times. You are our rock, our fortress and our strong tower. We look to you to enlighten the path you have written out for us.

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***

### **Gospel:**

**God sent his Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong

hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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In today's gospel we hear that Jesus was sent to the earth to help and be the ultimate sacrifice for all our sins. We hear about light and the Lord is often connoted as a light as he has created us all for something significant. We all have a purpose. St John Henry Newman says we are a link in a chain and we have our mission received from God. During these times we pray for an open heart to receive the messages and mission from God and truly intercept. This means we will be living Gods will out and can truly praise him effectively

Prayer:

Almighty God,

Allow us to see your light in our life. We thank you for the blessings you have bestowed on us.

Allow us to be open to Your voice and we pray for you to light up our path and forgive us when we stray. Be our guide to make us the person you want us to be.

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>