

May Daily Prayer & Reflections – 27th May 2020.

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



Mary is the focus for May, she was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that God's plan for her was steadfast and true. We need to remind ourselves, especially throughout May, of the humility she had to say YES so openly and true. No matter what the repercussions she followed God in every sense and this faith is to aspire to.

Mary said I am the handmaid of the Lord so she is promising to be a vessel of God's will which we pray to be too and to follow Him

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. This sheet has the gospel reading of the day and a reflective prayer. This week, Archdiocese of Birmingham are having their annual Lourdes Pilgrimage at Home. We take time for prayer and take time to renew and refresh in our faith. The pilgrimage programme is filled with prayerful moments, mass and liturgies to get involved with.

Prayer for the Day:

Almighty God,

I don't know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that You are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to You today. Teach me how to stand strong in You and choose only Your way today. Help me walk by Your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see You at work and as an opportunity to point others to 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 :

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them
and not one is lost
except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.
But now I am coming to you
and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.
I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Reflection:

Today, I hear Jesus continue to pray for his followers – for me! I hear him ask his Father for three gifts for me: Joy, Protection and Holiness. I reflect on where in my life I might need to use each of these gifts, which are now mine, thanks to Jesus' prayer for me. I take time now to reflect on each gift, one by one, and I ask the Holy Spirit for guidance on where and how to use these gifts.

May they be one! Have I been affected by the scandal of disunity among believers, among different traditions? Have I a sense of God 'in' me? Have I a sense of God 'in' other people? Have I a sense of God 'in' our world? Have I a sense of being 'watched over' by God? Talk to him about this
Prayer

Almighty Father,

Thankyou for all you bestow on us and for showing us your love daily by all you bestow on us. We pray for the joy of the Lord to give us the strength to show Gods love to all.

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>