

St. Matthew's Newbottle
Archbishop's Invitation to Pray During the
Coronavirus Epidemic – February & March 2021

O God, make speed to save us.
O, Lord make haste to help us.

With you, O God, is the well of life
And in your light shall we see light.

Praise

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh and vindicated in the Spirit.
He was seen by the angels and proclaimed among the nations.
Believed in throughout the world, he was taken up in glory.
This will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only sovereign.
Who alone has immortality, and dwells in unapproachable light.
To the King of kings and Lord of lords be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Psalm

Sunday	Psalm 67.	Monday	Psalm 99.
Tuesday	Psalm 100.	Wednesday	Psalm 122.
Thursday	Psalm 132:10-19.	Friday	Psalm 138.
Saturday	Psalm 149.		

Readings

Sunday: From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place is incense offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11.*

Monday: the Steward said to the bridegroom, “everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now”. Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. *John 2:10, 11.*

Tuesday: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; the Lord will rise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. *Isaiah 60:1-3.*

Wednesday: We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5, 6.*

Thursday: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba, Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:15-17.

Friday: With all wisdom and insight the Father has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:8-10.

Saturday: In the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. **Revelation 1:13-16.**

Or any day: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life”. **John 8:12.**

Moments Silent Reflection on the Scripture.

Blessed are the meek,
For they will inherit the earth.

Prayers

Prayers may include:

~ *The unity of the Church.*

~ *The peace of the world.*

~ *The healing of the sick.*

~ *The revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden.*

~ *All who travel.*

~ *Thanksgiving for the souls of the departed and the grieving.*

A prayer for those who mourn

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and to face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

O good Jesus, Word of the Father and brightness of his glory,
Whom angels desire to behold: teach me to do your will
that, guided by your Spirit, I may come to that blessed city of everlasting day, where all are
one in heart and mind,
where there is safety and eternal peace, happiness and delight,
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
world without end. **Amen.**

Durham Diocese Waymark Prayer

Loving God, guiding the people of the diocese of Durham faithfully through the years:
We thank you for the saints who have marked our path, young and old, known and unknown
from all places and in all walks of life.
Help us to find your way in our generation:
Transformed by your truth, sharing your life, blessing our communities. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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 our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Conclusion

Eternal light, shine into our hearts, eternal goodness, deliver us from evil, eternal power, be
our support,
Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance, eternal pity have mercy on us;
That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought
by your infinite mercy to your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ our Lord shine in all our hearts.
Amen.