

Thursday

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4:18-19

We pray for each person, anointed with oil as a member of the Body of Christ who is priest, prophet and king. May we always remember that the power of God is within us; that we have been chosen by God and have been given the strength we need to lead lives dedicated to God's service.

Our Father

Let us pray,
God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed us from sin and given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He has welcomed us into His holy people. Just as Christ was anointed to be our Priest, Prophet and King, so may we live always as members of his body, sharing everlasting life. Amen.
(From the Rite of Baptism)

Friday

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 - 37

We pray for all those that will receive the Eucharist for the first time this year. Through this great gift may they know the presence of God in their lives. May we always recognise the presence of God alive and at work among us as we share the Eucharist together as the community of Christ's Disciples.

Our Father

Let us pray,
Lord, you gave your Son as food to those you anoint with your Spirit. Help them to fulfil your law by living in freedom as your children. May they live in holiness and be your witnesses to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the Rite of Confirmation)

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEKDAYS OF LAUNCH WEEK OF THE "WITH YOU ALWAYS" PROGRAMME Monday – Friday, 13th – 17th June 2011



Opening Prayer

(said before the prayers given for each day)

Father, we ask your blessing on our Archdiocese as we introduce the "With You Always" programme for our young people. Be with our children, parents, catechists, teachers and clergy and guide them with your love. We pray for all those you are calling to be members of your Church. Help us all to play our part in handing on the great gift of faith to the next generation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Monday

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. John 7: 37–39

We pray for all who will approach our churches to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. May we always be open to those who approach us and make them welcome. May our parishes always be communities of love and respect.

Our Father

Let us pray,
God, we praise you: Father all powerful, Christ, Lord and Saviour, Spirit of love. You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in your life and your love.
One God, three persons, be near to the people formed in your image, close to the world your love brings to life. AMEN. (Prayer for Trinity Sunday)

Tuesday

Jesus took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:35–37)

We pray for the children who will be baptised, confirmed and who will make their First Holy Communion this year. May they discover in our community that they are the beloved children of God. May they and their families find in our parishes a living example of the welcome and compassion of Christ.

Our Father

Let us pray,

God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless the parents of the children who will be baptized this year. They will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to God's merciful love in all they say and do. AMEN. (Based on The Rite of Baptism)

Wednesday

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a basket, but they put it on a lampstand where it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matt 5:14-16

We pray that the light of Christ which has been placed in our hearts through baptism may be clearly seen in the lives of all who have become members of God's Church. May our actions always be guided by the light of the risen Christ through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Our Father

Let us pray,

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to be our helper and guide. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill us with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. Amen. (From the Rite of Confirmation)