

Points to Ponder
Praying with the Saints

Growing up my Great Grandparents lived with my Great Aunt and Uncle (he was my Godfather) on the street right behind us, in fact our back yards met. My Great Grandmother's prayer book was always on the table next to her rocker. I remember it had so many holy cards in it that she kept a rubber band around it to keep them from falling out. Some of these holy cards were prayers she said every day. So, this week I offer you some prayers from the spirits to consider. The prayer of Blessed Charles de Foucauld I say as part of morning prayer each day and the prayer of St. Augustine as part of night prayer. Maybe you will find one of more of these helpful for your own prayer life.

Sunday

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do. I thank you; I am already ready for all.

I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord,

And so, need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve,

And with boundless confidence because you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld

Monday

Come Lord! Come with me: see with my eyes, hear with my ears, think with my mind, love with all my heart-in all the situations of my life. Work with my hands, my strength. Take, cleanse, possess, inhabit my will, my understanding, my love. Take me where you will, to do what you will, in your way. For where you are, there would your servant be. Amen.

Evelyn Underhill

Tuesday

Jesus, what a true friend you are, and how powerful! For when you wish to be with us, you can be, and you always wish it, if only we will receive you. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most lonely moments; for loving me more than I love myself; and for putting up with such a stubborn soul as mine. Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday

I cannot dance, O Lord, unless you lead me. If it is your will, I can leap with joy. But you must show me how to dance and sing by dancing and singing yourself! With you I leap towards love, and from love I will leap to truth, and from truth I will leap to joy, and then I shall leap beyond all human senses. There I will remain and dance evermore! Amen.

St. Mechtild of Magdeburg

Thursday

I come, O Lord, to see the life and food of my soul. Permit me, divine Jesus, to come closer to you, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of your majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge your infinite love; that the sacrifice of my whole being may accompany you. Amen.

St. Clare of Assisi

Friday

Open your hearts, O Lord, and enlighten our minds by the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may seek what is well-pleasing to your will and so order our doings after your commandments, that we may be found fit to enter into your everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Bede the Venerable

Saturday

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for your love's sake. Amen.

St. Augustine of Hippo