The Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2.

This year it is Thursday 9th May.

The Ascension does not mark the end of Jesus' relationship with His Church but the beginning of a new way of His relating to the world - in and through His Church.

Just as Jesus sent His Disciples out on their mission, we reflect on our own mission and remember that Jesus has promised He will be with us always.

Behold, I am with you always, until the end of Time.

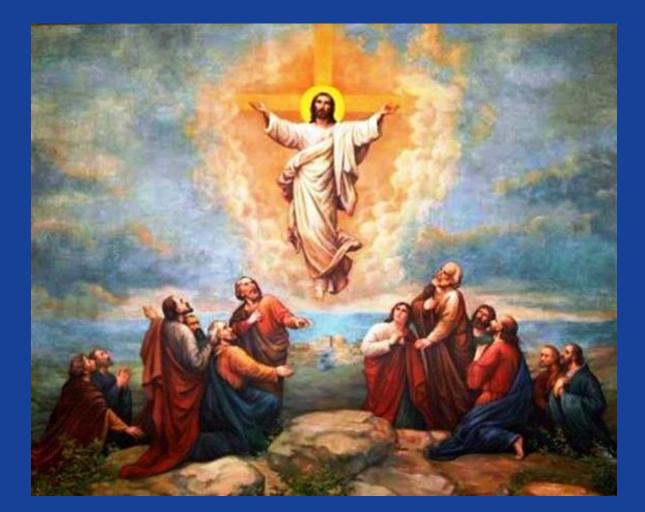


Week beginning 6th May Prayer Theme of the week: Ascension

"When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." Luke 24:50-51



Prayer Theme of the week: Ascension





Let us begin: 'In the name of the Father...'



Word: When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." LK 24:50

Worship: Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me.

And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen

Witness:

Be prepared to step out of your comfort zone this week. God promises to be by your side to strengthen you, no matter what you need from Him. St Ninian, Pray for us! 'In the name of the Father...'



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Father God, Like the Apostles, we too will never fully understand all Ascension means. We accept, but we do not fully understand. We believe, yet we have many questions. Help us, despite our uncertainty, to hold firm to the great truth that the wonder of Christ Jesus goes far beyond anything we can ever imagine, and in that faith may we live each day to his glory and honour. **Amen**.

Witness:

Look to be truthful in everything you do today. <u>St Ninian, Pray for us!</u> 'In the name of the Father...'







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God our Father,

make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Witness:

Pay somebody a compliment today. <u>St Ninian, Pray for us!</u> 'In the name of the Father...'



