

The background of the entire image is a vibrant sky at sunrise or sunset, with orange and yellow light breaking through blue and white clouds. In the lower right portion, the dark silhouette of a hill is visible, topped with three crosses of varying heights. The largest cross is in the center, flanked by two smaller ones.

# *He is Risen*

**DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.**

Rejoice in the resurrection of

*Jesus Christ.*

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!



Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Prayer Theme of the week:  
**Easter Week 5: Mary Our  
Mother**

*“But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid,  
Mary; you have found favour with God.”” (Lk  
1:30)*

## Day 1



# Prayer Theme of the week: Easter Week 5: Mary Our Mother



**May** is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of **Mary** as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him, “*so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.*” (Pope Benedict)



## Day 1 Let us begin: 'In the name of the Father...'

**Word:** *But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God." (Lk 1:30)*

## **Worship: Prayer**

Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,  
you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.  
Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.  
Praise be to you!  
Amen

## **Witness:**

Mary is known as a great intercessor- she is constantly praying for us. Reflect on your own intentions and ask for her intercession today.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, Prayer for us!**

**St Ninian, Pray for us!** 'In the name of the Father...'

Day 2

Prayer Theme of the week:  
**Easter Week 5: Mary Our  
Mother**





## Day 2 Let us begin: 'In the name of the Father...'

**Word:** *But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God.""* (Lk 1:30)

## **Worship: Prayer**

Remember,

O most gracious Virgin Mary,

that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

## **Witness:**

Bless your teacher today! Say something positive or thank your teacher for something they have done today.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, Prayer for us!**

**St Ninian, Pray for us!** 'In the name of the Father...'

Day 3

Prayer Theme of the week:  
**Mary Our Mother**



## Day 3 Let us begin: 'In the name of the Father...'



**Word:** *“standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” John 19:25-27*

### **Worship: Prayer**

Holy Mary, mother fair,  
Filled with love for God,  
Pray for us in all our needs.  
Pray for us today.  
Amen

### **Witness:**

Look for a way to support someone today you know might be suffering.

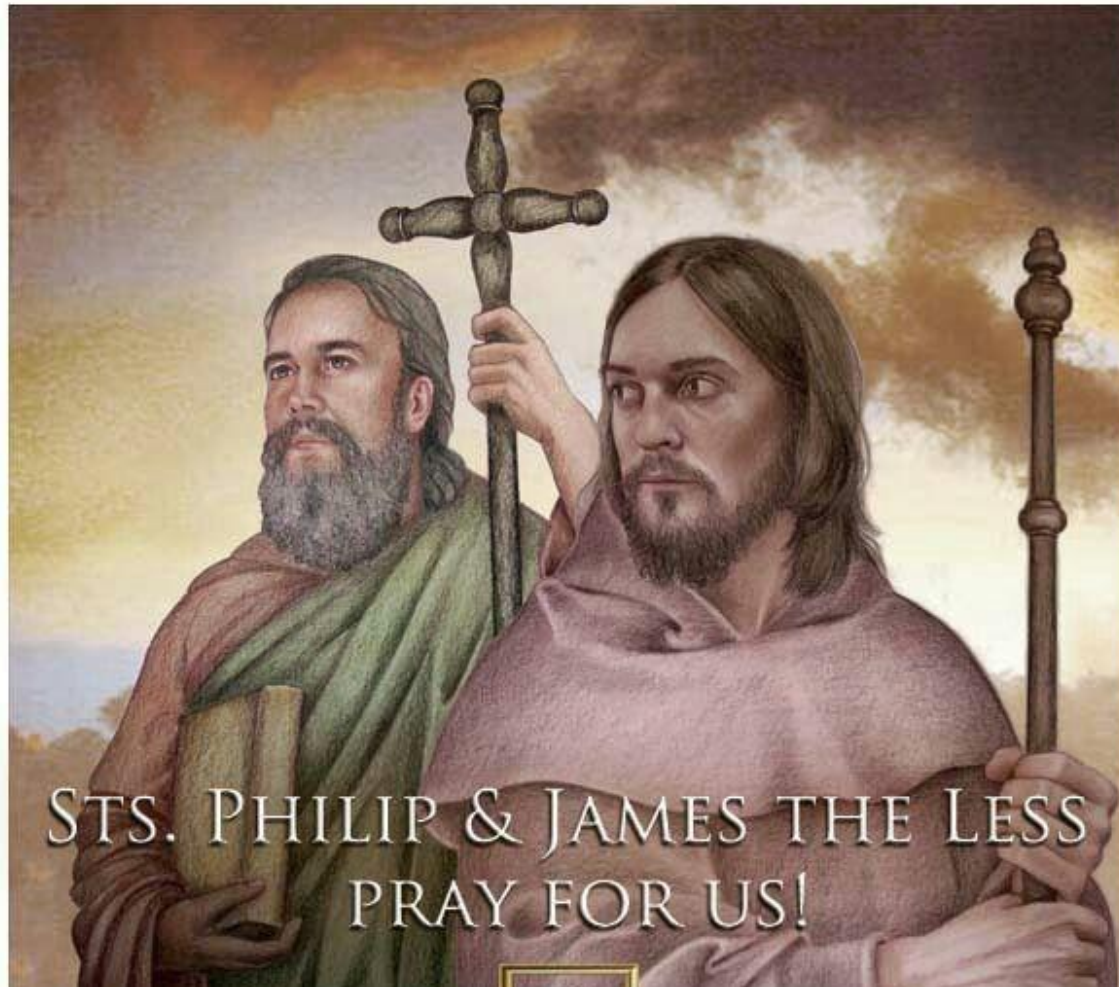
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**St Ninian, Pray for us!** 'In the name of the Father...'



Day 4

# Weekly Reflection: Saints of the week:



STS. PHILIP & JAMES THE LESS  
PRAY FOR US!

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

## Sts Philip and James (Feast Day 3<sup>rd</sup> May)



- Philip and James are two of the disciples chosen by Jesus.
- James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee. He is the author of the letter in the NT and was identified as a cousin of Jesus.
- Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "*one about whom Moses wrote*" (Jn 1:45). Philip is mentioned by name when Jesus performs the miracle of feeding of 5000.
- St. Philip's question to Jesus, "*Lord, show us the Father and it is sufficient for us,*" is a significant moment in the Gospel of John. It highlights the importance of faith and trust in Jesus as the way to know and understand God. By asking to see the Father, Philip was expressing a desire for a tangible and visible sign of God's presence. Jesus' response that "*he who has seen me has seen the Father,*" emphasises that He is the perfect image of the Father.
- Both Philip and James travelled extensively as missionaries, spreading the teachings of Jesus throughout the Mediterranean world. According to tradition, Phillip preached in Greece and Asia Minor, and was eventually martyred in Hierapolis, in present-day Turkey. James, on the other hand, remained in Jerusalem and became the leader of the Christian community there. He was also martyred for his faith.

# Worship: A prayer of St Philip and James



Holy Apostles!

you saw our Risen Jesus in all his glory.

He said to you on the evening of that great Sunday: Peace be to you! He appeared to you during the forty days following, that he might make you certain of His Resurrection.

We address ourselves to you as our special patrons during this holy Season, and ask you to teach us how to know and love the great mystery of our Lord's Resurrection.

May our hearts glow with Paschal joy, and may we never lose the New Life that Jesus has now given to us.

Amen

**Witness:** Philip and James are great examples of disciples who wanted to deepen their faith in knowing Jesus. They both went on to show great resilience in their missionary lives.

**St Philip and James, Pray for us!**

**St Ninian, Pray for us!**

'In the name of the Father...

# Prayer for Peace



Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.  
Amen.

