



Prayer for week commencing Monday 25 May

Lord, in this week’s readings we are again reminded of the cost of our salvation - your suffering, your pain, your humiliation and death, and we rejoice every day and every week in the truth of your resurrection, through which you gave us the free gift of eternal life, reminding us that although heaven is a free gift it was never cheap - bought only at great cost by your suffering.

We ask that you give us the same courage you gave to the apostles who, although they initially were scared, and even in Thomas’ case doubtful, eventually became a solid foundation for your church on earth. Give us Lord that same courage to share the Good News of the Gospel.

We thank you that even after death, as you joined the travellers on the road to Emmaus, you brought words of comfort and encouragement; so help us to bring hope, comfort and peace into our community.

We also thank you Lord for the fulfillment of your promise that you would send the Holy Spirit to empower people to continue your work. Give us open hearts and minds to receive that same power so that in your name we can witness effectively and powerfully to your glory.

Help us Lord, just as the early church shared its possessions, so to be unselfish in supporting those in need, especially at this difficult time for so many. We thank you for the work of the Foodbank, for those who have dedicated their time and effort into helping others. Wake our consciences to the needs around us and give us the will to provide help and support.

We pray for all Christians facing persecution, those made homeless and jobless because of their faith or living in danger of death simply because they know you as Saviour. Lord we ask that you be their comfort and strength, give us the heart to keep them constantly in our prayers and thoughts.

We ask all these things in Jesus’ name
Amen

Day 43	Monday 25 th May	Matthew chapter 27 Mark chapter 15
Day 44	Tuesday 26 th May	Luke chapter 23 John chapters 18 and 19
Day 45	Wednesday 27 th May	Matthew chapter 28 Mark chapter 16
Day 46	Thursday 28 th May	Luke chapter 24 John chapters 20 and 21
Day 47	Friday 29 th May	Acts chapters 1, 2 and 3
Day 48	Saturday 30 th May	Acts chapters 4, 5 and 6
Day 49	Sunday 31 st May	Acts chapters 7 and 8

Collect for Sunday 31 May – Pentecost

God, who at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore rejoice in His Holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever
Amen