

The Marian Pilgrimage 7-21 May 20: Daily Devotional Guide

DAY THIRTEEN: TUE 19 May 20: Our Lady of Montserrat

Barcelona: La Sagrada Familia



Prayer to the Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the teaching and practice of the Church
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.*

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, beginning and foundation of the domestic community You shown Yourself in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and You gave us in her a true model of life, let her virtues, fed by your divine love, flourish in our families and communities.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father, beginning and end of all things, in You the family has its foundation; accept with kindness this prayer for parents and let them fulfil joyfully Your will following the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth in order that they praise You without end in the happiness of Your house.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Good Father, You delighted in Your only Son and You wanted Him to grow in the Holy Family of Nazareth under the attentive care of Mary and Joseph; help the children reach the human and Christian maturity following your example. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give You thank, Lord Jesus, because you have become child; let Your Spirit helps the children to grow as You in Nazareth in age, wisdom, and grace so that they can always please the Father of heaven.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Of the Church, help our families and communities to be spaces of love, dialogue and pardon. We ask You this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Family, icon of the perfect community of love that is the Holy Trinity, and the living image of the Church, pray for our families and communities so that in the humility and simplicity of daily life they, by praying, working and loving, may obtain the gift of peace. Amen.

Moving to Montserrat





I praise, bless and honour Thee sovereign Queen of Montserrat to be the Mother of God, because by the grace of the Holy Spirit the Divine Word became incarnate in your pure womb. I pray for my soul, that in faithfulness and perseverance I may serve my God and Lord Jesus Christ.



Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. ... All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and Thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

“St. Ignatius mentions three key aspects of meditation in the first line of Suscipe: memory, understanding, and will. As in a retreat setting, we are invited here to shut out all the noise and distractions of everyday life and focus only on that which really matters most for our souls: our love of God; His love for us; and the ways in which we can be most attentive to discerning and doing His will!”

Teach me to serve as you deserve, To give and not to count the cost, To fight and not to heed the wounds, To labour and not to seek for rest, To give of myself and not to ask for any reward, except of knowing that I am doing your will.

BACK TO BARCELONA >>> TO THE CATHEDRAL



Tomb of St Raymond of Penyafort

In a period of strife between some Muslims and Christians the life and teaching of St Raymond can assist with our prayers for peace. Raymond of Penyafort was

born in Vilafranca del Penedès, a small town near Barcelona, Catalonia, around 1175. Descended from a noble family with ties to the royal house of Aragon, he was educated in Barcelona and at the University of Bologna, where he received doctorates in both civil and canon law. From 1195 to 1210, he taught canon law. In 1210, he moved to Bologna, where he remained until 1222, including three years occupying the Chair of canon law at the university. He came to know the newly founded Dominican Order there. Raymond was attracted to the Dominican Order by the preaching of Blessed Reginald, prior of the Dominicans of Bologna, and received the habit at the age of 47, in the Dominican Convent of Barcelona, to which he had returned from Italy in 1222.

The need to study oriental languages was affirmed by the General Chapter of the Dominican Order in Paris in 1236. Raymond established the first school of the Studia Linguarum in Tunis, where it was known as the Studium arabicum. The objective of the schools was to help the Dominicans liberate Christian captives in Islamic lands.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTIANS– MUSLIMS

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Introduction

Can a Muslim and a Christian pray together? This is an important question that one has to deal with in his or her mission of Christian/Muslim relations. In the pluralistic world, one cannot completely avoid any level of participation in the worship of the other. The immediate danger that many Catholic theologians apprehend in such participation is the danger of syncretism. This question becomes theologically nuanced when it has to deal with Christians and Muslims praying together.

....Every authentic prayer binds Christians and Muslims. Such prayer guides them toward living in peace. The spiritual efforts of Muslim brothers and sisters do not leave the hearts of their Christian brothers and sisters unmoved since they stand together before one God. Furthermore, every authentic prayer is under the influence of the Spirit of God who constantly intercedes for humanity (Romans 8:26-27). Christians and Muslims standing together and praying authentically according to their traditions are moving toward living together in peace. One should not hinder a Christian who is exploring with Muslims the togetherness in prayer. And, conversely, one should not impede a Muslim who is exploring this self-same togetherness in prayer with Christians.

(The author acknowledges several fruitful discussions that he has had with Professor Christian W. Troll, S.J., a renowned Catholic theologian with regard to matters of Islam and Christian/Muslim relations.)

Read more about Christian/Muslim relations here: <http://islamicstudiesassociation.blogspot.in/>



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*Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.*

Let us pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Montserrat, Pray for us.