



# World Communications Day

· MAY 16, 2021 ·

## Mass Prayers & Readings

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
Missal · Proper of Time, Easter Time  
Lectionary · no. 58

First Reading · Acts 1:1-11

Resp. Psalm · Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading · Ephesians 1:17-23  
or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Verse before Gospel · Matt 28:19a, 20b  
Gospel · Mark 16:15-20

## Universal Prayer

### SAMPLE INTENTIONS

That Church leaders and all Christians may  
communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ  
with courage and conviction.

That those involved in the work of  
communications and media may serve truth and  
justice and so bring real benefits to all.

That in this community the desire to be faithful  
witness to the Gospel may be renewed so that  
people everywhere may hear and accept the  
divine message of salvation.

## Spirituality

REFLECT on the John 1:46 · “Come and See”

· <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/john/1> ·

PRAY the Prayer of St Francis de Sales · Patron of Journalists, Writers, Editors, Catholic Press

· [https://www.sistersofthedivinesavior.org/pray\\_archive/the-prayer-of-st-francis-de-sales/](https://www.sistersofthedivinesavior.org/pray_archive/the-prayer-of-st-francis-de-sales/) ·

LEARN from Pope Francis · Message for the World Communications Day 2021

· [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210123\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html) ·

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· <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign> ·





# World Day of Prayer for the Church in China · MAY 24, 2021 ·

## Mass Prayers & Readings

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church

Missal · Votive Masses, 10B. OL Mother of the Church  
Lectionary · no. 572A

First Reading · Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
or Acts 1:12-14

Resp. Psalm · Psalm 87:1-2, 3&5, 6-7

Verse before Gospel · “O happy Virgin...”

Gospel · John 19:25-34

## Universal Prayer

### SAMPLE INTENTIONS

That Church leaders will foster harmony  
among all peoples.

That, through the intercession of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church in China  
will be sustained amid daily trials.

That the People of God in China will  
persevere in their witness to the Good  
News of Jesus Christ.

## Spirituality

REFLECT on 1 Peter 1:6-7

· <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/1peter/1> ·

PRAY the Prayer to OL of Sheshan by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

· [http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/prayers/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_20080515\\_prayer-sheshan.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/prayers/documents/hf_ben-xvi_20080515_prayer-sheshan.html) ·

LEARN from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI · Letter to the Church in the China (2007)

· [http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/letters/2007/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_let\\_20070527\\_china.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/letters/2007/documents/hf_ben-xvi_let_20070527_china.html) ·

SUPPORT the Church's work of peacemaking in China

· <https://www.comunicazione.va/en/sostienici.html> ·







# World Day of Prayer *for the Sanctification of Priests* · JUNE 11, 2021 ·

## Mass Prayers & Readings

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Missal · Proper of Time, Solemnities of the Lord  
in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary · no. 171

First Reading · Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

Resp. Psalm · Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Second Reading · Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19

Verse before Gospel · Matt 11:29ab  
or 1 John 4:10b

Gospel · John 19:31-37

## Universal Prayer

### SAMPLE INTENTIONS

For all priests, that God may renew deep within them the Spirit of holiness and unite them more fully to Christ, the High Priest.

That, with the help of the Holy Spirit, all priests will continue with courage and wisdom in their service to God's People.

That the members of the Body of Christ may continue to grow in unity through the ministry of the priesthood.

## Spirituality

REFLECT on the Vine and the Branches · John 15:1-17

· <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/john/15> ·

PRAY St. Therese of Lisieux's Prayer for Priests

· <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/st-therese-of-lisieux-s-prayer-for-priests/> ·

LEARN more about Priests of the Diocese of Arlington

· <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/meet-our-priests/> ·

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