

# A Weekly Prayer

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A Weekly Prayer is based on the seven articles of A Practical Creed. For the reasons given, each article has been associated with a day of the week. The prayer which follows is recommended to your spiritual exercises for that day.



*God made us for life in heaven.*

This first article is especially remembered on Monday since Monday has become the day that feels like the first day of the week.

Dear God,

Make me real. Do not let me waste my life in the illusion that life here will last forever. Let me see that my only hope is life with You so that I will prepare well, live free, and enjoy things here for what they can be. Make heaven the true, great goal of my life, and not just some feeble hope I turn to when everything else is gone.



*The way to heaven is a life of faith and love.*

This second article is especially remembered on Tuesday since Tuesday has become the day that feels like the second day of the week.

Dear God,

Let me love. Free me from remaining trapped within myself, caring, really, about no one else, needing, always, to be paid back now, willing, never, to let anything go. May I live as I say I believe: that the purpose of life is love, and that the greatest love is what I do when no one but You is looking. Let me look at others with the compassion with which You look at me; and give me faith enough in myself to believe that my little love is worth offering.



*God guides us according to His plan for everything He sends into our lives.*

Wednesday, the middle of the week, is an especially good day to remember this idea which is the central source of every faithful person's peace.

Dear God,

Let me believe what has to be true: that everything that happens is planned by You for our eternal good. Let me be awestruck by what this means about all that has happened to me, and who I am right now. Let me anticipate being grateful for the fruits of the hard things You have sent me; and let me feel what You see: that no one has more reason to be thrilled about being who he or she might be than me.



*We are going to share heaven as a family where all of us are going to be richer for the holiness of each of us.*

We remember the fourth basic doctrine on the fourth day of the week. Perhaps God is also suggesting that we see Thursday—with the work week almost over and the weekend just ahead—as a day to renew our attention to our families.

Dear God,

Let me be happy about the truth: that each of us will share equally in all our family gets from You. Let me see clearly the reason this is right: that each of us has played the role in the making of Your family Your plan has given us. Let me understand that Your plan is preparing each of us to see You in a way that no one else will, and to receive from this sight what all of us will need. Make me understand that our future as a family makes sense of everything that happens to us, and that the future importance of each of us in heaven makes sense of the desire to be great that we already have within us.



*Jesus was sent to teach the truth, to found the Church, and to accept the cross on which he taught and showed us love.*

Friday, of course, is already the day we think especially about the cross.

Dear God,

Do not let me take the cross for granted. Let me remember the choice that came before it, and the pain that Jesus knew was coming. Let me understand that this choice speaks for You, and the love You feel when You look at each of us. Let me recognize that to become one of us and to give up Your life was the most that You could do that we could see. Let me grasp what the sacrifice of Jesus' life was meant to say: that You put Your whole self into making us so that You could love each of us with all Your heart.



*The Eucharist is the meal we share to be God's family, and it is also God's way to show us again and again the love He showed us first on the cross.*

Saturday is often the day we pay most attention to our evening meal; it is always the day we begin celebrate to the Sunday Eucharist.

Dear God,

Let me recognize the Mass for what so obviously it is—a live presentation of Jesus' decision to accept the cross. Let me see how this act so naturally speaks for You every time it happens. Let me see what You want me to see—the love of the cross presented to me. Let me feel the fullness of what communion is meant to tell me: that what You want is to be one with me, and, one day, I am going to be one with You.



*The rest of the life of Jesus was planned to show us that  
faith can conquer any adversity.*

On the Lord's day we remember especially the Lord's  
life.

Dear God,

Make me think of You whenever life is hard and I am  
tempted to think only of me, and to make myself feel sorry  
for me. Let me recognize the essential similarity between  
mine and some of the hardships of Jesus' life. Inspire me as  
I remember that Jesus took so much worse, had no Jesus to  
inspire him, and went this way to glory.



## A Daily Prayer

Dear God,

Help me to remember that I was made for heaven  
so I can live with what I do not have  
and dream my dreams in joy.

Help me to remember that the way to heaven  
is a life of faith and love  
so I will know what I should do and do it.

Help me to remember that You are guiding me  
in everything that happens to me  
so I can love myself as You love me  
and live my life in peace.

Amen.