

Saint John Henry Newman

MORNING PRAYER

Monday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

REFLECTION

Saint John Henry Newman, was the founder of the Oratory in England.

For Newman, life was a journey in which he was led by the light of faith towards God. His journey began in the Church of England. At the age of fifteen, he first felt a deep sense of the presence of God in the world, and of himself as God's creature.

This sense of God's closeness to him remained throughout his life. Newman became a brilliant scholar, and after taking holy orders in the Church of England, he became a captivating influence to the students in Oxford and then throughout England for his preaching and writing.

After a while, in his studies of ancient Church History, he came to believe that the early Christian Apostles, Saints and Martyrs, those whom he admired most, would recognize the Roman Catholic Church as their descendant, rather than any of the Protestant churches, and so he eventually decided to convert to Catholicism. His conversion had a huge effect upon many young people, who were prompted to follow him in converting to Catholicism.

PRAYERS

In a poem, Newman wrote: *'Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on.'*

Let us pray that we too might look towards Christ as our guiding light, when we seem lost and in the dark.

Lord, hear us...

Saint Philip: **Pray for us.**

Saint John Henry Newman: **Pray for us.**

House saint: **Pray for us.** In the name of the Father...

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REFLECTION

We all have a voice which comes from inside ourselves that tells us what is right or wrong.

Saint John Henry Newman called it the ‘inner voice of conscience’.

He argued that the voice of conscience is really the voice of God the Holy Spirit speaking within us.

For Newman, the Holy Spirit “*pervades us, as a light pervades a building.*”

However, he went on to say that this inner voice of conscience of ours is “*easily puzzled*” by influences from outside ourselves; influences that can completely kill the authentic voice of God the Holy Spirit, who is trying to speak to us.

For this reason, Newman said that our voice of conscience needs to be “*constantly formed and enlightened*” throughout our lives.

For Newman, that is one of the most important jobs of the Church, the Pope and the Bishops: To supply enlightenment for our voice of conscience, so that we aren’t led astray.

PRAYERS

For Saint John Henry Newman, God speaks to us primarily in our hearts, through the voice of conscience. Let us ask for the grace to hear His voice more clearly.

Lord, hear us...

Let us ask Mary, Seat of Wisdom, to pray for us.

Hail Mary....

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REFLECTION

All of us are meant to be seekers after truth, not only in school but throughout our lives. But there are no shortcuts.

The search for truth requires humility, and the ability to realise when we are wrong.

Here is what Newman says on the subject:-

“By sinning, by suffering, by correcting ourselves, by improving, we advance to the truth by experience of error; we succeed though failures.

We do not know how to do right except by having done wrong... we know what is right not positively but negatively;

we do not see the truth at once and make towards it, but we fall upon and try error, and find it is not the truth.

We grope about by touch, not by sight, and so by a miserable experience, exhaust the possible modes of acting until nought is left but truth remaining.

Such is the process by which we succeed; we walk to heaven backwards.”

PRAYERS

Let us ask God to help us recognise when we are being arrogant enough to think we have all the answers. We pray for the gift of humility.

Lord hear us...

Let us ask God to inspire us to go often to confession, so that we become more aware of God's loving mercy towards us.

Lord hear us...

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ROSARY REFLECTION

Let us offer a decade of the Rosary for ourselves, that we learn to listen to the Word that God speaks to us.

THIRD MYSTERY OF LIGHT:

JESUS PREACHES THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

1x Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. **Give us this day....**

10x *Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

1x *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was....In the name..*

Friday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FRIDAY PRAYER

Remember that you can go to Confession in the Chapel during lunch break today.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

O God, who bestowed on Saint John Henry Newman
the grace to follow your kindly light
and find peace in your Church;
graciously grant that,
through his intercession and example,
we may be led out of shadows and images
into the fullness of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.