

PRAYING THE TRINITY - WEEK OF NOVEMBER THIRTIETH

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A Trinitarian Prayer for Thursday

Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
Set up your kingdom in our midst.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:
Renew me and all the world. - *N.T. Wright*

A Trinitarian Reading for Friday - 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

A Trinitarian Reading for Saturday - John 3:17 - God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 1:1-5 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

A Trinitarian Reading for Sunday - [God] is not This without being That, nor doth He possess this mode of being without that. On the contrary, He is all things as being the cause of them all, and as holding together and anticipating in Himself all the beginnings and all the fulfillments of all things; and He is above them all in that He, anterior to their existence, super-essentially transcends them all. Hence all attributes may be affirmed at once of Him, and yet He is No Thing. - pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite

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A Trinitarian Prayer for Tuesday

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Almighty God, Creator and sustainer of the universe, I worship you.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord of the World, I worship you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life:

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the people of God, I worship you.

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, Amen

Holy, blessed and glorious trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon me.

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