

Seven Days of Prayers – St Clare of Assisi

Felicity loved and drew great comfort from the week of prayers given to us by St Clare. May we too share Felicity's strength as we pray with her.

Your response after each prayer is "Lord hear our Prayer".

1. Thursday - *"Each one should make known her needs with the confidence to the other; for if a mother nourishes her child according to the flesh, how much more lovingly must not a sister love and nourish her sister according to the Spirit."*

"Abba, Father, I look to you, holding in my arms all whom I now think of: friends, family those I have heard about – in conversations, on the news, anyone who needs to be thought of. I look to you with trust and confidence that you will hold them with me."

Lord, let us pray that we nurture trust, hope and confidence in our lives that we too may provide love and support to those who reach out to us in need.

Lord Hear Us

Response: Lord hear our Prayer

2. Friday – *"Look upon Him who for you became despised and follow Him, though you become despised for His sake in the world."*

You are light, enfold me. You are darkness, embrace me. You are pain, hollow me. You are love, overflow me. The storms of change are you and all peace of tranquil water. You are all of these things and I thank you, dear God."

Lord, thank you for the gift of your love. We pray for Felicity's family, Richard, Scott, Sunni, Maggie and Martin and for her three beloved grandsons, Campbell, Charlie and Riley, may her faith and love provide strength and consolation in their sorrow.

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Response: Lord hear our Prayer

3. Saturday – *“Cling to his most Sweet Mother, who begot a Son whom the Heavens could not contain; and yet she carried Him in the little cloister of her holy womb, and held Him in her maidenly lap.”*

Mary, gentle mother, be my teacher – for the quiet times of my life, the silences when nothing great seems to happen. Let me ripen in the gentle sun of God’s love for me, and bear fruit that brings joy and light to others.”

Lord, we pray for those who cared for Felicity and for all who care for the sick and dying.

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Response: Lord hear our Prayer

4. Sunday – *“The son of God became for us the Way”.*

Lord Jesus, in these insecure, anxious times, we are stretched in so many ways; spiritually, physically, financially. People are no longer given their true dignity and so much of what we treasure is gone. It is hard at times to trust. Help us to anchor ourselves in you, whose love for us is unchanging. May your spirit lead us in Your Way. May Your hope give us the peace of soul you promise.

Lord, bless those who have passed before us. We remember especially the family Felicity now joins, her father Joe; her brothers, Joe and Perry, and all family and friends.

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Response: Lord hear our Prayer

5. Monday – *“Love one another with the charity of Christ and let the love which you have in your hearts be shown outwardly by your deeds.”*

Lord help me be a bridge, a simple bridge to help someone over a difficulty – some pain, or grief, or loneliness. Let your love be in my heart and from me to them.”

Lord, we thank you for Felicity’s life. Bless Felicity’s mother Paddy, brother Sean, sister Susie, the members of her extended family and all her friends, especially those in East Timor whose lives were enriched by her presence.

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Response: Lord hear our Prayer

6. Tuesday – *“Go forward, securely, joyfully and swiftly on the path of prudent happiness.”*

“Lord I am often filled with fear when I think of the future. Haunted by past mistakes and hurts and I feel paralysed. I surrender it all to you now and trust you to take care of it. You are the One who makes all things new. With you I will go forward, securely and joyfully into freedom.”

Lord, bless our leaders. Help them to make decisions that are just and respect the dignity, freedom and equality of all.

Lord Hear Us

Response: Lord hear our Prayer

7. Wednesday – *“I thank you Lord for creating me”*

“Help me to see myself as you see me, life-giving God. You made me as I am: you delight in my creation. You do not ask me to be strong, you simply ask me to be yours. I thank you dear Lord.”

Lord, please bless all here today that we too accept ourselves and each other.
Help us to comfort one another in our grief.

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