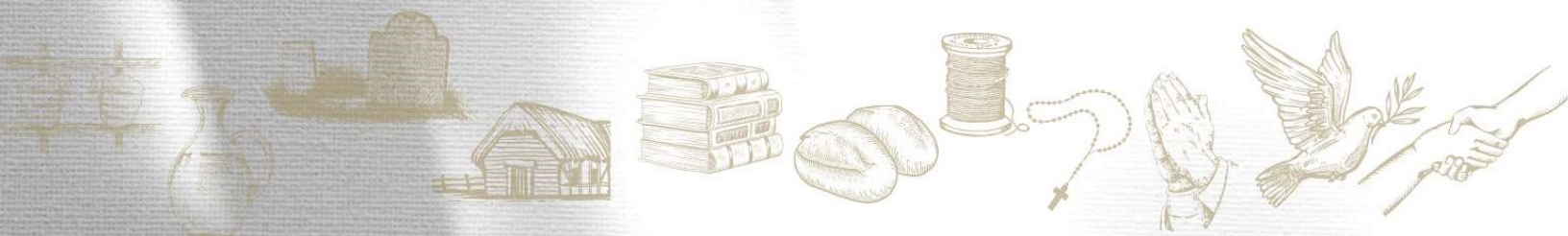




# MERCY TRIUMPHS

LENT & EASTER

WITH G.K. CHESTERTON



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This year, the Staff of the Society of G.K. Chesterton decided to focus on Chesterton's Catholic spirituality, specifically what he had to say about the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy. For Christians, practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, as our station in life allows us, is a great way for us to put our faith into action, for we know that faith without works is dead.

Chesterton wrote about everything, and these 14 seemingly simple works were no exception. We had so many options for quotations; it was sometimes difficult to choose! The other thing we noticed while combing through his works was his love for Holy Scripture. He's constantly quoting or alluding to the Word when you least expect it.

We joyfully submit to you the compilation of our Lenten work researching Chesterton's spirituality. Pray for the intentions. Think about Scripture verses. Act out your faith in a concrete way with one of the Works of Mercy. Join Chesterton again and again as you revisit his marvelous words of mercy. The same words that Our Lord tells through Scripture:

*For the judgment is merciless to one who has not shown mercy;  
mercy triumphs over judgment. -James 2:13*

Pray. Think. Act. Be merciful.  
*Mercy Triumphs.*

A joyful Easter of holy triumph to you!

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## ABOUT GILBERT KEITH CHESTERTON

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) cannot be summed up in one sentence. Nor in one paragraph. In fact, in spite of the fine biographies that have been written of him, he has never been captured between the covers of one book. G.K. Chesterton was the best writer of the 20th century. He said something about everything and he said it better than anybody else. But he was no mere wordsmith. He was very good at expressing himself, but more importantly, he had something very good to express. The reason he was the greatest writer of the 20th century was because he was also the greatest thinker of the 20th century.

He wrote a hundred books, contributions to 200 more, hundreds of poems, including the epic Ballad of the White Horse, five plays, five novels, and some two hundred short stories, including a popular series featuring the priest-detective, Father Brown. In spite of his literary accomplishments, he considered himself primarily a journalist. He wrote over 4,000 newspaper essays, including 30 years' worth of weekly columns for the Illustrated London News, and 13 years of weekly columns for the Daily News. He also edited his own newspaper, G.K.'s Weekly.

Chesterton was equally at ease with literary and social criticism, history, politics, economics, philosophy, and theology. His style is unmistakable, always marked by humility, consistency, paradox, wit, and wonder. His writing remains as timely and as timeless today as when it FIRST appeared, even though much of it was published in throw away papers. This man who composed such profound and perfect lines as "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried," stood 6'4 and weighed about 300 pounds, usually had a cigar in his mouth, and walked around wearing a cape and a crumpled hat, tiny glasses pinched to the end of his nose, swordstick in hand, laughter blowing through his moustache. And usually had no idea where or when his next appointment was.

This absent-minded, overgrown elf of a man, who laughed at his own jokes and amused children at birthday parties by catching buns in his mouth, this was the person who wrote a book called The Everlasting Man, which led a

young atheist named C.S. Lewis to become a Christian. This was the man who wrote a novel called *The Napoleon of Notting Hill*, which inspired Michael Collins to lead a movement for Irish Independence. This was the man who wrote an essay in the *Illustrated London News* that inspired Mohandas Gandhi to lead a movement to end British colonial rule in India. This was a man who, when commissioned to write a book on St. Thomas Aquinas, had his secretary check out a stack of books on St. Thomas from the library, opened the top book on the stack, thumbed through it, closed it, and proceeded to dictate a book on St. Thomas.

Chesterton was one of the deepest thinkers who ever existed; he was deep because he was right; and he could not help being right; but he could not either help being modest and charitable, so he left it to those who could understand him to know that he was right, and deep; to the others, he apologized for being right, and he made up for being deep by being witty. That is all they can see of him.

Chesterton is little taught in our schools and his writing should be more widely reprinted and especially included in college anthologies. It seems that Chesterton is tough to pigeonhole, and if a writer cannot be quickly consigned to a category, or to one-word description, he risks falling through the cracks. Even if he weighs three hundred pounds.

He defended the poor. He defended the family. He defended beauty. And he defended Christianity and the Catholic Faith. Reading Chesterton is almost a complete education in itself. Chesterton is indeed a teacher, and the best kind. He doesn't merely astonish you. He doesn't just perform the wonder of making you think. He goes beyond that. He makes you laugh.

## ASH WEDNESDAY | Bury the Dead

“The world mourns in black, but the Church mourns in violet - one of the many instances of the fact that the Church is a much more cheerful thing than the world. Nor is the difference an idle accident: it really corresponds to chasms of spiritual separation. Black is dark with absence of colour; violet is dark with density and combination of colour: it is at once as blue as midnight and as crimson as blood. And there is a similar distinction between the two views of death, between the two types of tragedy. There is the tragedy that is founded on the worthlessness of life; and there is the deeper tragedy that is founded on the worth of it. The one sort of sadness says that life is so short that it can hardly matter; the other that life is so short that it will matter forever.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Second Part of King Edward vii,” *Illustrated London News*, May 21, 1910)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that our hearts may become more silent, still, and simple during this Lenten season.

**THINK ON IT:** By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return. -Genesis 3:19

**ACT ON IT:** Contact the caretaker of your local cemetery and volunteer your time.



## THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY | Feed the Hungry

“Why should I worry because I do not know whether I am doing good or harm when I give a meal to a beggar? I do not know whether I am doing good or harm when I give a meal to myself. Food such as we eat in civilised times and with civilised digestions, food, in this sense, contains the seeds of death almost as much as the seeds of life. Do not tell me that I do not know what happens to the half-crown that I give to that recognised tramp, Weary Willy. I do not know what happens to the ham-sandwich that I give to that hungry outcast, G. K. Chesterton. I do not want to know. I know that in one sense we are all pouring gifts into a bottomless universe, a universe that uses the gifts in its own way and in a complexity beyond our control or even our imagination.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Objections to Charity,” *Illustrated London News*, November 24, 1906)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray the Holy Spirit makes our hearts generous.

**THINK ON IT:** The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. -Proverbs 22:9

**ACT ON IT:** Many churches participate in Lenten Rice Bowl campaigns or something similar. Contact your parish church to learn more details, or visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

## FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY | Give Drink to the Thirsty

“Water at least is a primal thing, and the story of it flows down to us through the most primitive literatures, as the stream of it flows up to us through the most uncultivated soils. To make water a weapon, and an envenomed weapon, is to pollute something the purity or impurity of which could have been understood in every age and country. In the purest of historic pages a cup of water is recorded as the symbol of all that is merciful.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“On the Poisoning of Wells,” *Illustrated London News*, March 31, 1917)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who do not have access to clean drinking water.

**THINK ON IT:** All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! -Isaiah 55:1

**ACT ON IT:** Go to the Catholic Relief Services website ([crs.org/](https://crs.org/)) to learn more, or research a similar charity that provides water to those who need it.

## SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY | Clothe the Naked

“One can give with generosity or one can buy and sell with justice. But to buy and sell generosity - that is a trick of the new nobleman which does not appeal to me. Before St. Martin gave half his cloak to the beggar he was a respectable Roman soldier and had a right to all his cloak. But if on returning to the barracks he found that Caesar had lowered his wages a little, and if he then went to the beggar and asked for the piece of cloth back again - then I think he would not only have lost his position as a saint, but lost everything that is supposed to be the spirit of a soldier.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Very Decayed Gentleman,” *The Daily News*, November 6, 1909)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of kindness.

**THINK ON IT:** When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? -Matthew 25:38

**ACT ON IT:** Donate baby clothing, blankets, wipes, and diapers to a women’s shelter or pregnancy resource center in your area.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | Shelter the Homeless

“We ought to be acting on the ancient and sane assumption that human beings will not only want houses but homes. That is, they will want final and permanent houses, houses really attached to the ground, that are not merely houses on stilts any more than houses on wheels.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Homes in Limehouse,” *Illustrated London News*, September 26, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the homeless, that they may recognize their dignity and find the resources and assistance they need.

**THINK ON IT:** Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. -Isaiah 58:7-8

**ACT ON IT:** Contact your local homeless shelter to volunteer your time or talent.

## MONDAY OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Visit the Sick

“You do not sympathise with a sick man at all, if you do not sympathise with the reality of his sickness.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Blind,” *The Daily News*, January 4, 1913)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who are homebound.

**THINK ON IT:** “When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?”

-Matthew 25:39

**ACT ON IT:** Bring a meal to someone you know who is ill.

## TUESDAY OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Visit the Imprisoned

“All crime is a kind of despotism; and the sin against the Holy Ghost is the attempt to be the superman. All punishment is a sort of righteous rebellion; the revolt of all men against the man who thinks he is the only man in the world. It is the whole sin of the anarch that he thinks he is alone. And we actually try to correct it by making him really alone.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Alone in a Cell,” *The Daily News*, May 15, 1909)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for peace in the hearts of those imprisoned.

**THINK ON IT:** Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’

-Matthew 25:34-36

**ACT ON IT:** Learn more about prison ministry at [nacc.org/cpmc](http://nacc.org/cpmc) and volunteer.

## WEDNESDAY OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Admonish the Sinner

“But it is obvious, anyhow, that when we call a man a coward, we are in so doing asking him how he can be a coward when he could be a hero. When we rebuke a man for being a sinner, we imply that he has the powers of a saint.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Mercy of Mr. Arnold Bennett,” *The New Witness*, June 23, 1922)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the fruit of gentleness.

**THINK ON IT:** As iron is sharpened by iron; one man sharpens another.

-Proverbs 27:17

**ACT ON IT:** Be gentle, but firm, if you correct someone.

## THURSDAY OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Instruct the Ignorant

“God is merely light to the merely unenlightened. God is a man to the enlightened.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(*William Blake*, 1910)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the gift of fortitude.

**THINK ON IT:** Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” -Matthew 28:19-20

**ACT ON IT:** Listen to the [Catechism in a Year podcast](#). Learn more about the faith in order to teach others.

## FRIDAY OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Counsel the Doubtful

“In numberless novels and newspaper articles, we have all read about a process which is still apparently regarded as novel or new; though it has been described in almost exactly the same terms for nearly a hundred years; and in slightly different terms for hundreds of years before that. I mean what is called the growth of doubt or the disturbance of faith; and the only point about it which is pertinent here is this; that it is always described as a revolt of the deeper parts of the mind against something that is comparatively superficial. We need not deny that modern doubt, like ancient doubt, does ask deep questions; we only deny that, as compared with our own philosophy, it gives any deeper answers. And it is a general rule, touching what is called modern thought, that while the questions are often really deep, the answers are often decidedly shallow. And it is perhaps even more important to remark that, while the questions are in a sense eternal, the answers are in every sense ephemeral. The world is still asking the questions that were asked by Job.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“My Six Conversions VII,” *The Well and the Shallows*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the gift of knowledge.

**THINK ON IT:** At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” -Matthew 14:27-31

**ACT ON IT:** If a friend reaches out to you for advice, practice listening twice as much as you speak during the conversation.



## SATURDAY OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Bear Wrongs Patiently

“The Catholic Church says: ‘On you more than anybody else is the duty of keeping the peace. You must turn the other cheek, you must show an example of peace and forgiveness that the rest of the world does not show.’”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Opportunity for Communism,” *GK’s Weekly*, June 15, 1933)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of patience.

**THINK ON IT:** “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on [your] right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” -Matthew 5:38-42

**ACT ON IT:** If someone wrongs you this week, practice being silent and allow yourself time to react patiently and charitably.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | Forgive Offenses Willingly

“The evil of vindictiveness is the same as that of every other sin; it is that in some extraordinary way it tends to destroy the soul, to blacken and eat up the whole nature.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Vengeance,” *The Daily News*, August 8, 1908)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those family members who have hurt us.

**THINK ON IT:** If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions. -Matthew 6:14-15

**ACT ON IT:** If someone offends you today, show that person sincere kindness and mercy.

## MONDAY OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Comfort the Afflicted

"Grief is a thing really popular; that fact, if we consider it, will appear very notable and impressive; and when we have understood it we may understand why the great voice that said of old upon the mountain: "Blessed are the poor," added but a moment afterwards: "Blessed are ye that mourn."

-G.K. Chesterton

("Funerals are for the Living," *Illustrated London News*, December 5, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those afflicted with grief.

**THINK ON IT:** Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

-Matthew 5:4

**ACT ON IT:** Bring beauty into the life of someone who is sorrowing- through flowers, music, art, or simply your presence.

## TUESDAY OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Pray for the Living & the Dead

“But if anybody will put himself in the position of one praying for the dead, or, better still, simply pray for them, he will not have the smallest difficulty in understanding why the same people at the same time offered prayers for the dead and gave pennies to the poor.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(*Generally Speaking*, 1928)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the living and deceased members of our families.

**THINK ON IT:** If he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin. -2 Maccabees 12:44-46

**ACT ON IT:** Visit a cemetery to pray for your deceased loved ones and those buried there, especially who may be forgotten.

## WEDNESDAY OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Bury the Dead

“To find expression in emblem and established ritual for feelings that are most difficult to express in words is not merely a salute to the departed; it is also a liberating gesture for the living. It is even especially an expression of the life of the living. The practical alternative to it is not speech but silence; not simplicity, but merely embarrassment. Not one man in a thousand ever says anything worthy of the dead, or even at all adequate to his own emotions about the dead. It is a far fuller release for his feelings to do something; and especially something that is not too unusual or unnatural to do. The motions that men have always made, uncovering, bowing the head, scattering flowers on the grave, are in the real sense individual actions. They are not only more dignified, but more direct than official speech or extempore prayer. They are not only more serious, but more spontaneous than the ghastly mummerly of "saying a few appropriate words." A man would be more likely to do such things than to say such things even if he were left entirely to himself, without tradition or culture, even if he were a savage or an utterly unlettered peasant. Ritualism is more natural than rationalism about these things. It is a living necessity for those who survive; sometimes almost a necessity to enable them to survive. It is almost the first gesture of awakening, by which they show that they have not also been struck by the thunderbolt. 'Funeral ceremonies are not a tribute to the dead, but to the living'.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Funerals are for the Living,” *Illustrated London News*, December 5, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

**THINK ON IT:** After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” -Mark 1:14-15

**ACT ON IT:** Volunteer your time or talents for a funeral at your church.

## THURSDAY OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Feed the Hungry

“Does the rich man who tosses a penny to the starving beggar ask himself how far the penny will ease the pangs of hunger?”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“A Penny for the Poor,” *GK’s Weekly*, May 24, 1934)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for anyone who gives their time to feed the hungry.

**THINK ON IT:** [Jesus] said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” -Matthew 14:16

**ACT ON IT:** Volunteer at a local soup kitchen or food pantry.



## FRIDAY OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Give Drink to the Thirsty

The wine they drink in Paradise  
They make in Haute Lorraine  
God brought it burning from the sod  
To be a sign and signal rod  
That they that drink: the blood of God  
Shall never thirst again.

-G.K. Chesterton  
("A Cider Song," 1912)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray in thanksgiving for those charitable institutions that bring water to those in need.

**THINK ON IT:** As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When can I enter and see the face of God? -Psalm 42:2-3

**ACT ON IT:** Take only plain drinks today (water, milk, black coffee, plain tea) and offer up your sacrifice for those who do not have access to clean water.

## SATURDAY OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Clothe the Naked

“Modern philanthropy has advanced beyond the narrow notions of the old religions. It does not clothe the naked, but punishes them for being unclad. It does not feed the hungry; it jails them for not feeding each other. And it is the horrid humour of the whole thing that the bewildered inspector or magistrate is yet often a kindly man merely trying to patch up an increasingly impossible situation.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Detention of Inebriates,” *Illustrated London News*, May 11, 1912)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for spiritual detachment to worldly things.

**THINK ON IT:** [For I was] naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. -Matthew 25:36

**ACT ON IT:** Donate your gently used clothing to a local homeless shelter.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | Shelter the Homeless

“Homeless men might often be good men: but it would be better to give them homes.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“A Word to the Wise,” *GK’s Weekly*, October 29, 1927)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with cheerfulness.

**THINK ON IT:** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. -Matthew 25:35

**ACT ON IT:** Visit the Catholic Charities website ([catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org)) to learn more about their organization and volunteer locally.

## MONDAY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Visit the Sick

“We do not wish so much to make a man feel he is a sentimental martyr when he supports a hospital, as to make him feel he is a selfish brute when he does not. In other words, we want charity to continue to be a part of common morality, and not to be mixed up with complicated controversy.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Common Humanity and Common Sense,” *Illustrated London News*, May 30, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those with chronic pain or illness.

**THINK ON IT:** Do not hesitate to visit the sick, because for such things you will be loved. -Sirach 7:35

**ACT ON IT:** Volunteer at your local hospital.

## TUESDAY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Visit the Imprisoned

“But what in the name of heaven (or, rather, in the opposite name) are we to say of modern solitary confinement? In our modern prisons we elaborately and horribly prepare this inhuman solitude; and then we take the most complete and successful care that it shall not be interrupted even by any of those merciful accidents which could find their way into the old foul dungeon. The modern prisoner is not only isolated by design, but is guarded against any pitiful pleasure that might fall on him by chance.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Alone in a Cell,” *The Daily News*, May 15, 1909)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that respect and dignity is shown to all inmates.

**THINK ON IT:** Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body. -Hebrews 13:3

**ACT ON IT:** Visit [chesterton.org](http://chesterton.org) and consider donating a membership to an inmate.

## WEDNESDAY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Admonish the Sinner

“You do not sympathise with a sinner at all, if you do not sympathise with his sense of sin.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Blind,” The Daily News, January 4, 1913)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of prudence.

**THINK ON IT:** Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. -Luke 17:3

**ACT ON IT:** Share the joy of your faith with someone.



## THURSDAY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Instruct the Ignorant

“When a man really sees the Church, even if he dislikes what he sees, he does not see what he had expected to dislike. Even if he wants to slay it he is no longer able to slander it; though he hates it at sight, what he sees is not what he looked to see; in that place he may gain a new passion but he loses his old prejudice. There drops from him the holy armour of his invincible ignorance; he can never be so stupid again.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(*The Catholic Church and Conversion*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of diligence.

**THINK ON IT:** All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

-2 Timothy 3:16-17

**ACT ON IT:** Learn more about the Catholic faith by watching [The Catholicism Series](#).

## FRIDAY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Counsel the Doubtful

“But what we suffer from to-day is humility in the wrong place. Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition. Modesty has settled upon the organ of conviction; where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed. Nowadays the part of a man that a man does assert is exactly the part he ought not to assert - himself. The part he doubts is exactly the part he ought not to doubt - the Divine Reason.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(*Orthodoxy*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the gift of understanding.

**THINK ON IT:** For lack of guidance a people falls; security lies in many counselors. -Proverbs 11:14

**ACT ON IT:** Is there anyone you know who could benefit from your mentorship? Reach out to them.

## SATURDAY OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Bear Wrongs Patiently

“There is something to be said for the idea that patience and virtue must look for their reward in another world. There is nothing (literally nothing) to be said for the idea that patience and virtue do find their reward in this world.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Real Tory Collapse,” *The Daily News*, October 14, 1911)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who have wrongfully accused us.

**THINK ON IT:** Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

-Romans 12:12

**ACT ON IT:** Learn more about what “redemptive suffering” and “offer it up” means. Apply it to those situations where people have wronged you.

## LAETARE SUNDAY | Forgive Offenses Willingly

“Let us pray to be delivered from the vices and vulgarities of our own civilisation; and all the more if we sincerely believe that it is still a civilisation, and may need to be defended from something that is still a savagery. It is a fine thing to be swift to forgive our enemies; but it is a finer thing not to be too eager to forgive ourselves.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(*The End of the Armistice*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that the Holy Spirit imbues our hearts with the fruit of joy.

**THINK ON IT:** Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you. -Matthew 5:11-12

**ACT ON IT:** The next time someone offends you, ask yourself “how can I show the mercy of Christ in this moment?”

## MONDAY OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Comfort the Afflicted

“We trust that even our sorrow for the dead, our compassion for the bereaved, will not deflect us from saying what we think we ought to say. Which is this: – The purposes of God are hidden from us.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Floods,” *GK’s Weekly*, January 14, 1928)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those afflicted with loneliness.

**THINK ON IT:** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

-Romans 12:15

**ACT ON IT:** If you know anyone who is struggling, hand-write them a letter or send them a card.

## TUESDAY OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Pray for the Living and the Dead

“How can there be faith without something to have faith in; how can there be prayer without something to which to pray?”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Protection of the Bible,” *The Daily News*, April 17, 1909)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for our friends, both living and deceased.

**THINK ON IT:** FIRST of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. -1 Timothy 2:1-4

**ACT ON IT:** Have a Mass intention offered for someone you know. Attend the Mass and pray for that person.



## WEDNESDAY OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Bury the Dead

"There is no need to explain ritual by remote extravagances, because it does not need any explanation. It explains itself. It explains all sorts of other things much better than definitions or abstractions explain them. To scatter flowers on a grave is simply a way in which an ordinary person can express in gesture things that only a very great poet can express in words. I decline to believe that those who do it necessarily believe that the dead man can smell. I doubt whether even those who did it in prehistoric times necessarily thought that the dead man could smell. Strange as it may seem, I do not think they were thinking in that vivid vicarious fashion about the dead man's feelings. I think they were relieving their own feelings. "Funeral customs are a tribute not to the dead but to the living," said St. Augustine."

-G.K. Chesterton

("On Funeral Customs and the Brotherhood of Man," *Illustrated London News*, January 29, 1927)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for any parent who has suffered the loss of an infant.

**THINK ON IT:** So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" -John 11:38-40

**ACT ON IT:** Visit your local cemetery to pray for the souls of those buried there.

## THURSDAY OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Feed the Hungry

“We have cried for many years in the wilderness alone, that food is a primary necessity, that food can only be got from the earth, that men must till the earth and until they have tilled the earth and produced food they can do nothing else.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Something Important,” *GK's Weekly*, July 9, 1932)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for an increase in self-control and a decrease in food waste.

**THINK ON IT:** If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday. -Isaiah 58:10

**ACT ON IT:** Bring a meal to a family with a newborn baby.

## FRIDAY OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Give Drink to the Thirsty

“Speaking as a Catholic, I am very proud and happy to say that I know of no reason, in heaven or earth, why a barmaid should not some time or other be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church. It is simply a question of in what way, with what motives, and in what spirit she minded the bar.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“On Vulgar Abuse,” *GK’s Weekly*, October 6, 1928)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who are suffering from spiritual dryness.

**THINK ON IT:** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

-John 6:35

**ACT ON IT:** Conserve water today and pray for those who go without.

## SATURDAY OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Clothe the Naked

“I always believe in the theory that the poor are ordinary human beings. But I shall never forget the moment of shattering astonishment when I discovered that they really were.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Vengeance,” *The Daily News*, August 8, 1908)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of modesty.

**THINK ON IT:** Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

-Matthew 6:28-30

**ACT ON IT:** Donate gently used clothing to your local St. Vincent De Paul thrift store.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | Shelter the Homeless

“It is an actual fact that the dispossessed have more sense of possession than those who go away because they have great possessions; and in these days do not even go away sorrowful. We all agree that the sense of ownership has been almost exterminated; but it has in fact been exterminated more by those who own too much than by those who own too little. When we appeal to the broken men, we appeal to those who have lost their homes and their happiness; but they still have more notion that happiness might be found in a home. There is more of this in the homeless poor than we can now discover in the vulgar cosmopolitan crowd of the homeless rich.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Cry to Capitalists,” *CK's Weekly*, December 5, 1935)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of justice.

**THINK ON IT:** Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind. -Hebrews 13:16

**ACT ON IT:** Organize a food, clothing, and essentials drive to benefit your local homeless shelter.

## MONDAY OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Visit the Sick

“...there is such mortal fear of infection that we are to leave the sick to suffer...”

-G.K. Chesterton

(*Tales of the Longbow*, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those with chronic pain or illness.

**THINK ON IT:** Now when three of Job's friends heard of all the misfortune that had come upon him, they set out each one from his own place: Eliphaz from Teman, Bildad from Shuh, and Zophar from Naamath. They met and journeyed together to give him sympathy and comfort. Then they sat down upon the ground with him seven days and seven nights, but none of them spoke a word to him; for they saw how great was his suffering. -Job 2:11,13

**ACT ON IT:** Volunteer your time or talent at a nursing home or retirement community.

## TUESDAY OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Visit the Imprisoned

“A modern prison is always inhuman, even when it is not inhumane.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(*All Things Considered*, 1908)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for peace in the hearts of those who have an incarcerated family member.

**THINK ON IT:** “Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.” He said to him, “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.” But he replied, “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” -Luke 22:31-34

**ACT ON IT:** Spiritually adopt someone who is imprisoned: write letters to them and pray for them.

## WEDNESDAY OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Admonish the Sinner

“It sometimes does people good to punish them. It often, probably more often, does them good to pardon them. It more often does them good to understand them, and so absolve them with a serious spiritual authority. I can imagine occasions when it might do people good to shoot them - or, at any rate, when it would do me good to shoot them. But whoever heard of anyone doing people any good by lecturing them? Kill the sinner, or kiss the sinner, or curse him with the curse of Judas, or crown him with the halo of Magdalen, but do not imagine that a sort of weak pomposity will make him feel inferior to you.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“On Lecturing the Suffragettes,” *Illustrated London News*, April 4, 1914)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of charity.

**THINK ON IT:** It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me. -Colossians 1:28-29

**ACT ON IT:** If you hear a person beginning to gossip, redirect the conversation in a firm but charitable way.



## THURSDAY OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Instruct the Ignorant

“Nobody can imagine how nothing could turn into something. Nobody can get an inch nearer to it by explaining how something could turn into something else. It is really far more logical to start by saying “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” even if you only mean “In the beginning some unthinkable power began some unthinkable process.” For God is by its nature a name of mystery, and nobody ever supposed that man could imagine how a world was created any more than he could create one.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Man in the Cave,” *The Everlasting Man*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with the fruit of faithfulness.

**THINK ON IT:** But those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever. -Daniel 12:3

**ACT ON IT:** Share your favorite spiritual book or resource about the Faith with someone who is searching for the Truth.

## FRIDAY OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Counsel the Doubtful

“In the same way, let the convert, or still more the semi-convert, face any one fact that does seem to him to deface the Catholic scheme as a falsehood; and if he faces it long enough he will probably find that it is the greatest truth of all. I have found this myself in that extreme logic of free will which is found in the fallen angels and the possibility of perdition. Such things are altogether beyond my imagination, but the lines of logic go out towards them in my reason. Indeed, I can undertake to justify the whole Catholic theology, if I be granted to start with the supreme sacredness and value of two things: Reason and Liberty. It is an illuminating comment on current anti-Catholic talk that they are the two things which most people imagine to be forbidden to Catholics.”

-G.K. Chesterton

*(The Catholic Church and Conversion)*

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the gift of wisdom.

**THINK ON IT:** The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. -John 14:26-27

**ACT ON IT:** When someone comes to you for guidance, do you help fix the problem, or do you try to fix the person? Help fix the problem this time.

## SATURDAY OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF LENT | Bear Wrongs Patiently

“Sympathy means understanding, and patience means self-control.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Lost International,” *GK’s Weekly*, April 9, 1932)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who have slandered us.

**THINK ON IT:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. -Matthew 5:9

**ACT ON IT:** When someone is being hostile toward you, practice the virtue of patience by asking yourself, “What can I learn from this moment?”

## PALM SUNDAY | Forgive Offenses Willingly

“Now I refuse altogether to conserve an abominable thing which somebody else has invented, and I especially refuse to conserve a horrible thing that my enemy has invented. We have no reason whatever to take responsibility for the enormous industrial disproportion and industrial misery in which we live. We all accept that arduous and difficult ideal which tells us that we must forgive the crimes of our enemies.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Mr. G. K. Chesterton,” *Speech at the Report of the FIRST Anglo-Catholic Congress*, 1920)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for close friends who have betrayed our trust.

**THINK ON IT:** Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

-Romans 12:17-18

**ACT ON IT:** Say “I forgive you” to someone who has hurt you, and mean it.

## MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK | Comfort the Afflicted

“Pessimism is a thing which is learnt from books as sorrow is a thing learnt from life. Sorrow can never be pessimistic, for it is founded upon the value of things. No one can be finally miserable who has ever known anything worth being miserable about.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Philosophy of Hairdressers,” *The Daily News*, June 13, 1903)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those afflicted with discouragement.

**THINK ON IT:** For I know well the plans I have in mind for you; plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. -Jeremiah 29:11

**ACT ON IT:** Pray with and for someone who is struggling.

## TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK | Pray for the Living and the Dead

“As a matter of fact, it is a very good thing for us to be compelled to wait if it means that we are compelled to watch; I am even tempted to add, to watch and pray. Anyhow, it is a good thing to wait, if it forces us to find out what there is really to be got out of life even in a waiting-room. For even a waiting-room is never so empty as it looks; and certainly never so dull as it looks.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Foreword,” *Purple Hours*, 1924)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for our enemies, both living and deceased.

**THINK ON IT:** Pray without ceasing. -1 Thessalonians 5:17

**ACT ON IT:** Offer a Holy Hour for the poor souls in Purgatory.

## WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK | Bury the Dead

“When, therefore, we watch some popular pomp go by, especially a pomp of lamentation like that which has recently passed through our streets, let us think not only of the virtues of the dead, but of the living; and above all of that universal human virtue of veneration for the dead.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Funerals are for the Living,” *Illustrated London News*, December 5, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray in thanksgiving for all those who maintain our cemeteries.

**THINK ON IT:** Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? Look to it yourself.” Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, “It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.” After consultation, they used it to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter’s field just as the Lord had commanded me.” -Matthew 27:3-10

**ACT ON IT:** Pray a rosary for all those who have not received a proper burial.

## HOLY THURSDAY | Feed the Hungry

“[Aquinas] had from the FIRST that full and final test of truly orthodox Catholicity; the impetuous, impatient, intolerant passion for the poor; and even that readiness to be rather a nuisance to the rich, out of a hunger to feed the hungry. This can have had nothing to do with the intellectualism of which he was afterwards accused; still less with any habit of dialectic.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(*The Dumb Ox: St. Thomas Aquinas*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for farmers and all those who provide us with food.

**THINK ON IT:** Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. -Luke 22:17-20

**ACT ON IT:** Organize a food drive at your parish to benefit local families in need.



## GOOD FRIDAY | Give Drink to the Thirsty

“Catholics believe that in the Blessed Sacrament Christ is present, not merely as a thought is present in a mind, but as a person is present in a room, veiled only from the actual senses by the appearances of bread and wine.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Roman Catholicism,” *An Outline of Christianity*, 1926)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that our thirst for Truth would never be quenched.

**THINK ON IT:** After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

-John 19:28-30

**ACT ON IT:** Fast today (as your station in life allows): eat one large meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, and drink only water.

## HOLY SATURDAY | Clothe the Naked

"I shall continue to keep my money for anyone I meet who looks as if he required it."

-G.K. Chesterton

("What is a Beggar?" *Illustrated London News*, February 11, 1911)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray in thanksgiving for those charitable organizations that provide clothing for those in need.

**THINK ON IT:** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled [that says]: "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." This is what the soldiers did. -John 19:23-24

**ACT ON IT:** Go to your closet and turn your hangers the opposite way. When you take out an item of clothing to wear it, return the hanger back to normal. One year from today, collect those items of clothing that haven't moved, and donate them to a local charity.

## EASTER SUNDAY | Shelter the Homeless

“As we should be genuinely sorry for tramps and paupers who are materially homeless, so we should be sorry for those who are morally homeless, and who suffer a philosophical starvation as deadly as physical starvation.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“About Modern Girls,” *Illustrated London News*, November 24, 1934)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize that each person is created in the image and likeness of God.

**THINK ON IT:** Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.  
-Romans 12:13

**ACT ON IT:** Visit [habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org) to learn about volunteer opportunities.

## EASTER MONDAY | Visit the Sick

“If any human acts may loosely be called causeless, they are the minor acts of a healthy man; whistling as he walks; slashing the grass with a stick; kicking his heels or rubbing his hands. It is the happy man who does the useless things; the sick man is not strong enough to be idle.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(*Orthodoxy*)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who are close to death: may they be fortified by the Sacraments and surrounded by their loved ones.

**THINK ON IT:** Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.  
-James 5:14-15

**ACT ON IT:** Contact your local hospital to learn how to donate premie items to the NICU.

## EASTER TUESDAY | Visit the Imprisoned

“On the whole, people are better (physically) for going to hospitals when they are ill. It cannot be shown that they do better for going to prisons when they do ill.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Imprisonment in Prisons and Hospitals,” *Illustrated London News*, June 27, 1909)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for freedom and deliverance for all those who have been abducted or enslaved.

**THINK ON IT:** For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. -Galatians 5:1

**ACT ON IT:** Recognize the signs of human trafficking. If you see something, say something.

## EASTER WEDNESDAY | Admonish the Sinner

“But he has the most ironical, the most terrible, the most unquestionable of all rights to condemn a sin; the right of the sinner who has tried it.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Humility of Revolt,” *CK’s Weekly*, October 17, 1925)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the virtue of humility.

**THINK ON IT:** My brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. -James 5:19-20

**ACT ON IT:** If someone you know hasn’t gone in years, speak to that person about the mercy and forgiveness waiting for them in the Sacrament of Confession.

## EASTER THURSDAY | Instruct the Ignorant

“There is only one thing in the world that dies and does not die. And with their own blind eyes these skeptics have seen it, coming again out of the gates of death.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“The Return of the Dead,” *GK’s Weekly*, March 30, 1929)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the gift of reverence.

**THINK ON IT:** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry. -2 Timothy 4:1-5

**ACT ON IT:** Organize or join a Bible study at your parish.

## EASTER FRIDAY | Counsel the Doubtful

“But when a man is directly asked about his religion, that is, his sense of the supreme truth, he must testify; even if his testimony is entirely unpopular.”

-G.K. Chesterton  
(Chapter XII, *Freedom*, 1936)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for the gift of counsel.

**THINK ON IT:** Plans fail when there is no counsel, but they succeed when advisers are many. -Proverbs 15:22

**ACT ON IT:** Have you ever given a personal testimony about your faith? Can you give a reason why you believe what you do? Practice answering the question “what do you believe?” Be ready to witness to others about your faith.



## EASTER SATURDAY | Bear Wrongs Patiently

“After nearly two thousand years [...], Catholics have come to regard Catholicism as one thing, all the parts of which are in one sense equally assailed and in another sense equally unassailable.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“Roman Catholicism,” *An Outline of Christianity*, 1926)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray for those who have humiliated us.

**THINK ON IT:** For whenever anyone bears the pain of unjust suffering because of consciousness of God, that is a grace. But what credit is there if you are patient when beaten for doing wrong? But if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

-1 Peter 2: 19-21

**ACT ON IT:** If someone treats you with cruelty, reflect on it by asking yourself “how is this situation making me grow in virtue?”

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | Forgive Offenses Willingly

“I think it a colossal fact that the Church created a machinery of pardon, where the State could only work by a machinery of punishment.”

-G.K. Chesterton

(“On Pardoning the Prussians,” *Illustrated London News*, September 2, 1916)

**PRAY ON IT:** We pray that Christ may incline our heart to show more mercy and hold fewer grudges.

**THINK ON IT:** So speak and so act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. For the judgment is merciless to one who has not shown mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. -James 2:12-13

**ACT ON IT:** If someone has hurt you, pray for that person during consecration at Holy Mass.



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