

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF ST PHILIP & JAMES

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

*INTRODUCTION*

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,**

**with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High,  
in the ✱ glory of God the Father. Amen**

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory:

O almighty God,  
whom truly to know is everlasting life:  
grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ  
to be the way, the truth and the life;  
that, following the steps of thy holy apostles,  
    Saint Philip and Saint James,  
we may steadfastly walk  
    in the way that leadeth to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

JOHN 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

*HOMILY*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

In the fellowship of the saints let us pray to the Lord...

...Rejoicing in the fellowship of Philip, James and all the saints, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, the way, the truth and the life.

O Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us,  
so we pray:

**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 our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*BLESSING*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;  
And the blessing ✕ of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*HYMN*

*(sung by: James Wilkinson,  
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*For all your saints still active,  
for those whose work is done;  
for saints with you in glory  
whose earthly race is run.  
You rose as King and Sov'reign,  
that they the crown might wear,  
reserved for those who humbly  
your earthly pathway share.*

*Apostles, prophets martyrs,  
who served you here on earth,  
now reign with you in heaven,  
singing your praise and worth.  
With them, and all whose witness  
is known to you alone,  
we share our earthly journey  
towards your heav'nly throne.*

*We thank you, Lord, for Philip,  
who spoke with Greek and Jew  
to tell them of your mercy,  
that they might follow you.  
For James, the young and faithful,  
we praise and bless your name;  
called like them, may we follow,  
your glory to proclaim.*

*We praise you God our Father,  
We worship Christ your Son,  
we glorify your Spirit,  
forever three, yet one.*

*On earth we see you dimly,  
in heaven face to face;  
and then with all who've served you,  
we'll praise you, God of grace.*

*Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823 - 1913)*

*adapted by Stuart Thomas (born 1954)*

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