

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

I do not call you servants but friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything that I have heard from my Father.

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

*INTRODUCTION*

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

Amen.

[This setting written by Andrew Parnell  
for St Alban's Abbey, 24th June 2006]

Almighty and eternal God,  
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,  
allowed your holy apostle Thomas  
to doubt the resurrection of your Son  
till word and sight convinced him:  
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe  
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ps 31:1-8, 15-16

*Into your hands I commend my Spirit.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold;  
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

*Into your hands I commend my Spirit.*

Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

*Into your hands I commend my Spirit.*

I hate those who cling to worthless idols;  
I put my trust in the Lord.

‘My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and save me for your mercy’s sake.’

*Into your hands I commend my Spirit.*

JOHN 20:24-29

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.”

But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

*HOMILY*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

.... Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
didst send thy Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to bear witness to thy truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of thy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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*

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED  
recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-  
Fields in their homes, and edited together*

1     *All my hope on God is founded;  
          He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
          Only good and only true.  
                  God unknown,  
                  He alone*



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