



✠ **AN INVITATION FROM FATHER ARCOLEO** ✠
 (WITH HELP FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL)

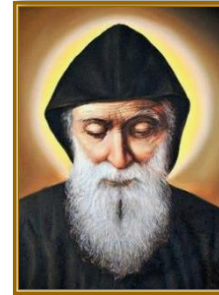


School may be out for the summer, but that doesn't mean we stop learning. In fact, with the summer holiday comes a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn from the Saints who so often took advantage of such opportunities themselves. This week, as we celebrate the lives of four Saints, let us offer the following prayers taken from the Roman Missal:



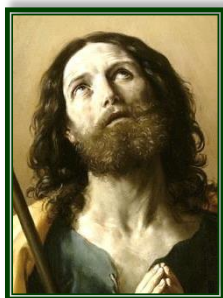
SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
 (FEAST DAY: 23 JULY)

O God, Who guided Saint Bridget of Sweden along different paths of life and wondrously taught her the wisdom of the Cross, as she contemplated the Passion of Your Son, grant us we pray that, walking worthily in our vocation, we may seek You in all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



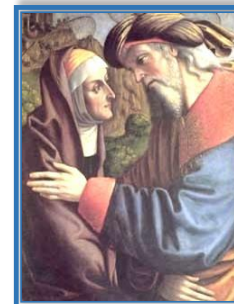
SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF
 (FEAST DAY: 24 JULY)

O God, Who called the Priest Saint Sharbel Makhluf to the solitary combat of the desert and imbued him with all manner of devotion, grant us, we pray that, being made imitators of the Lord's Passion, we may merit to be co-heirs of His Kingdom. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



SAINT JAMES
 (FEAST DAY: 25 JULY)

Almighty ever-living God, Who consecrated the first fruits of Your Apostles by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray that Your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE
 (FEAST DAY: 26 JULY)

O Lord, God of our fathers, Who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of Your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation You have promised to Your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.