

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 MARTHA (FEAST DAY: 29 JULY)

Almighty ever-living God, Whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in Saint Martha's house as a guest, grant, we pray, that through her intercession, serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters, we may merit to be received by You in the halls of Heaven. 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



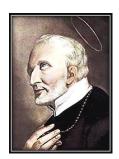
SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS (FEAST DAY: 30 JULY)

O God, Who made the Bishop Saint Peter Chrysologus an outstanding preacher of Your incarnate Word, grant, through his intercession, that we may constantly ponder in our hearts the mysteries of Your salvation and faithfully express them in what we do. 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 IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (FEAST DAY: 31 JULY)

O God, Who raised up Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Your Church to further the greater glory of Your Name, grant that by his help we may imitate him in fighting the good fight on earth and merit to receive him a crown in Heaven. 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 ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (FEAST DAY: 1 AUGUST)

O God, Who constantly raise up in Your Church new examples of virtue, grant that we may follow so closely in the footsteps of the Bishop Saint Alphonsus in his zeal for souls as to attain the same rewards that are his in Heaven. 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.