

Prayers for Days that don't quite fit

Some days - some quite important days - just don't fit with this, because they are on fixed dates, when the seasons are determined by the date of Easter and day of the week of Christmas.

I suggest a sentence and a prayer (to replace the weekly prayer).

Epiphany - 6 January

All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him, for he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no-one to help.

As we search for you, Lord, believing that we can bring you gifts, teach us not to look in the important places, but in the little ones, for there you give your greatest gift to us

Lady Day - the Annunciation - 25 March

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour

We are troubled at your words, Lord, for you perform mighty deeds with your arm: you scatter us, bring us down from our thrones, and send us empty away to serve the poor, to feed the hungry, to bring mercy to all whom you love - to all whom you came here to rescue. My our souls glorify you, our spirits rejoice in you, and our bodies serve you, now that you have come down to us.

All Hallows Day - 1 November

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Glorious God, who is the beginning and the end, the A and the Z, by your love you bring all your saints to your glory, to share in your honour and praise, to be petals in the Rose that is eternally growing in the gardens of Paradise, under your banner of love, in the City of our God, to whom be all glory, honour and power, in time and in eternity. Amen

All Souls Day - 2 November

God does not take away life; instead, he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him.

God, you sent your Son to die on the Cross for all, to rise from death for all, that all can be saved to the uttermost - even us. What greater praise can we give - except to love those you love, to the uttermost.