

TO BE PRAYED DAILY....

Bring the Daily Intention to mind or announce it and after a time of silent prayer.....

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father whose will is that your Church should be one and at peace.

Give to your servants in the Diocese of Sheffield the gifts of Grace to assist in your Divine Plan and help us to grow in Faith and Love, with one another and with your Son Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds,

to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labour and not to ask for reward,

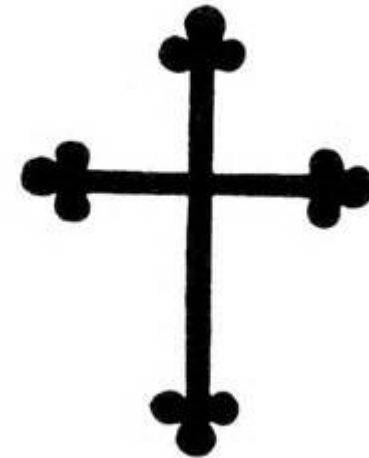
save that of knowing that I do your will.

The Lord's Prayer....

The Grace

 **The Society**
under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda
In the Diocese of Sheffield

*LENTEN NOVENA
OF PRAYER FOR
OUR DIOCESE*



*Thursday 16th March -
Friday 24th March 2017*

NOVENA OF PRAYER

Since the announcement of the next Bishop of Sheffield it has become clear that there is much hurt, pain, upset and anger surrounding the appointment and the subsequent debate. This inevitably puts at risk the unity of the Diocese and our common task in proclaiming Jesus Christ to those we are all called to serve. It would seem appropriate in Lent that we devote some time to praying about this and seeking healing wherever hurt is to be found.

A novena (from Latin: Novem, meaning Nine) is an act of religious pious devotion originating in ancient Christianity, often consisting of private or public prayers for nine successive days in belief of obtaining special intercessory graces.

On the Sunday (19th March) it is hoped that as many of us as is practicable can join with our congregations, in our churches, for a public act of prayer and worship for 'The Mission of the Church' in the hope that it will draw us back to the things which unite us and to which we are called. If we could use the themes of each day at any public acts of worship and perhaps the Novena Prayer, that in itself would be an act of unity and powerful witness.

This is offered and commended to the whole of the Diocese of Sheffield and anyone who wishes to be included as an act of Charity, Love and Devotion.

The Lord Jesus himself prayed, 'That they might be one' this should be our prayer too.

**Thursday 16th March 2017.
FOR THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD**

**Friday 17th March 2017
FOR BISHOP PETER, ACTING BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD.**

**Saturday 18th March 2017
FOR BISHOP PHILIP NORTH.**

**Sunday 19th March 2017
FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN THIS
DIOCESE**

**Monday 20th March 2017
FOR ALL THOSE WE DISAGREE WITH**

**Tuesday 21st March 2017
FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW THE LORD**

**Wednesday 22nd March 2017
FOR ALL WOMEN AND MEN IN MINISTRY**

**Thursday 23rd March 2017
FOR ALL WHO SUFFER AND FEEL PAIN**

**Friday 24th March 2017
FOR THE UNITY OF THE DIOCESE**