

Prayers for Reparation & Atonement Week 1

Now, we believe, is a time for deep prayer of reparation and atonement. We invite Catholics in England and Wales to make the four Fridays in May 2010 special days of prayer. Even when we are lost for words, we can place ourselves in silent prayer. We invite Catholics on these days to come before the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. *from a statement of the Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Song

Introduction

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will include periods of silent prayer.

Penitential Act

Gospel

John 19:31–37

Psalm 50

50: 3–6. 12–14. 17. R. cf. v. 3

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

After a period of silent prayer there will be Intercessions and/or the Litany of the Sacred Heart

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

Litany of the Sacred Heart

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven

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Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

have mercy on us

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V. Jesus, gentle and humble of heart.

R. Touch our hearts and make them like your own.

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Reposition

Acclamation or Song