

# FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints  
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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## The Feast of St Albert the Great



This week we celebrate the life and work of St Albert the Great whose feast day is the 15th of November.

Albertus Magnus was a German, Dominican Friar and Bishop and is the Patron Saint of scientists, philosophers and students. He had a comprehensive knowledge of, and advocated

for, the peaceful coexistence of science and religion. He was one of the most universal thinkers to appear during the Middle Ages, even more so than his most famous student, St. Thomas of Aquinas. He was the most prolific writer of his century and was the only scholar of his age to be called "the Great"; this title was used even before his death. St. Albert's symbols include a bishop's crosier, a teacher's cap, a large book, and a globe.

### Gather Together

**Gather together in a quiet space.** If you have an object such as a book or globe or a picture of a globe, put them where you can see them together.

**Make the sign of the cross together.**



God, You made St. Albert great by enabling him to combine human wisdom and Divine Faith. Help us so to adhere to his teaching that we may progress in the sciences and at the same time come to a deeper understanding and love of you.

### Scripture

Luke 17:11-19 Jesus Heals Ten Men

*As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. He was going into a village when he was met by ten men suffering from leprosy (a terrible disease). They stood at a distance and shouted 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!'*

*Jesus saw them and said to them, 'Go and let the priests examine you.'*

*On the way they were made clean.*

*When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself to the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus said, 'There were ten men who were healed, where are the other nine? Why is this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God?' And Jesus said to him, 'Get up and go; your faith has made you well.'*



### Reflect and Pray

Teaching our children to say thank you is always a good thing, and in this gospel reading, the command to get up and go comes with a promise to the Samaritan: "your faith has made you well (literally saved you)." The good news of this encounter carries with it the promise that through Jesus, God empowers people to step across boundaries, share mercy with outsiders, pay attention to things worthy of praise and move forward into God's future with assurance that there is more to God's story than meets the eye. For that, may we always give thanks.

There is no doubt something to be understood here about the people who live on the margins of our communities, who are treated as invisible or unlovely because of how they look or who they are or where they come from. Jesus clearly notices and loves them and calls us to do the same.

### Closing Prayer

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Albert great by his joining of human wisdom to divine faith, grant, we pray, that we may so adhere to the truths he taught, that through progress in learning and our compassion for others, we may come to a deeper knowledge and love of you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

*~Amen~*

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