

# DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS



## What is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is an annual day of prayer which enables Eastern & Western Christians to come together in communion through prayer. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome.

## When is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India.

## What can my parish do to promote the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

You can help to make the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians resonate by:

- including the intention of Eastern Christians in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass (prayer on the next page);
- engaging parishioners by using the template newsletter article and social media posts provided; and
- helping us raise funds to support Eastern Christians in their homelands through a collection in your parish.

## A day of communion through prayer

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we invite you to recite the following bidding prayer for Eastern Christians:

***Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. May the Christians in these lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.*** (a longer version of this prayer is available on our website)

**“...the venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church, the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition...”**

*- Pope John Paul II in his pastoral letter Orientale Lumen*

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## TEMPLATE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

The Sixth Sunday of Easter is the **Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians** when Eastern and Western Christians come together in communion through prayer.

During the Prayers of the Faithful today, we shall pray for Eastern Christians. If you wish to support them through the projects of the Eastern Catholic Churches, please donate by:

1 - giving online at [www.facecharity.org/give](http://www.facecharity.org/give)

2 - texting DAYOFPRAYER to 70450 to donate £10 (\*Texts cost £10 donation plus 1 standard rate message)

3 - writing a cheque made out to *Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East*, and sending to: Judge Sykes Frixou (O'Callaghan - FACE Charity), York House, 23 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6YF

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East is launching a prayer group to receive a monthly prayer intention for Eastern Christians. To join visit: [www.facecharity.org/prayergroup](http://www.facecharity.org/prayergroup)



## SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS FOR YOUR PARISH TO USE ON 9th MAY 2021

### Twitter text:

We pray that the hope which [@Pontifex](#) brought on his recent visit to Iraq will spread across the region to enable local Christians to continue their courageous witness to Christ. To learn more follow [@facecharity](#) or visit [www.facecharity.org](http://www.facecharity.org) [#PrayForEasternChristians](#) [#dop21](#)

### Facebook/Whats App text:

Today is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. We pray that the hope which Pope Francis brought on his recent visit to Iraq will spread across the region to enable Eastern Christians to continue their steadfast witness to Jesus Christ. To learn more: 'like' FACECharityUK on Facebook OR visit their website [www.facecharity.org](http://www.facecharity.org)

FACE devotes itself exclusively to supporting Eastern Christians through projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, so that they may remain in their homelands where Christianity was born and first spread.

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