

# Looking Forward



## Looking Forward in Prayer

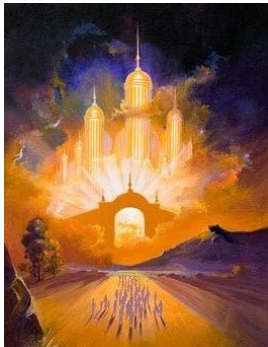


We are looking forward in prayer  
to the coming of the Kingdom.

We pray in a variety of ways,  
both silently and out loud,  
using our own words  
or those of traditional prayers.

When we pray we are conversing with God.

Think about how you talk to God,  
when you give thanks,  
when you ask God for something,  
when you say you are sorry,  
or when you praise Him.



3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

In Luke's Gospel,  
Jesus tells us :

“The kingdom of  
God is close at  
hand.”

**FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.**

### SAINTS AND SCHOOLS # 30



**St Thomas of Canterbury** (Thomas Becket) was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1170. He was elected Archbishop of Canterbury, becoming a vigorous supporter of Church rights. This led

him into conflict with King Henry II and resulted in his murder by four of Henry's knights.

**Our primary school in Grays is named him. Its mission : following Jesus, children show respect and consideration for themselves and others**

### St Elisabeth of Portugal : 4<sup>th</sup> July

St Elisabeth of Portugal was born in 1272 into the royal house of Aragon (now part of Spain). She was brought up in a very religious way and was devoted to looking after the poor and sick. Her goodness and generosity eventually influenced those around her, including her husband who had previously treated her badly. On his death she joined the Poor Clare nuns.



She intervened a number of times to prevent conflict and was given the title of 'Peacemaker'. She became a saint in 1625; during her lifetime the miracle of the roses was credited to her when bread she was taking to the poor, against the wishes of her husband, was miraculously turned into roses. This even took place in the winter chill of January. Her husband, much ashamed, had to allow her to continue in her ministry of love.

“Be the critical  
conscience of  
society.”

(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)



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