

## A PRAYER TO ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

O God, who bestowed on the Priest, Blessed John Henry Newman, the grace to follow your kindly light and find peace in your Church; graciously grant that, through his intercession and example, we may be led out of shadows and images, into the fullness of your truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN

Born in London in 1801, John Henry Newman was for over twenty years an Anglican clergyman and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. His studies of the early Church led him progressively towards Catholicism, and in 1845 he embraced “the one true fold of the Redeemer”. In 1847 he was ordained priest and went on to found the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England. He was a prolific and influential writer on a variety of subjects. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. Praised for his humility, unstinting care of souls and contributions to the intellectual life of the Church, he died in Birmingham on 11 August 1890.

FEAST DAY – 9 OCTOBER