

- 1 Today is the feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More. John Fisher was born in Yorkshire, in 1469, and became Bishop of Rochester in Kent. He was well-known as a man of learning, and had written several books. Bishop John Fisher was asked to study the “problem” of the marriage of King Henry VIII (*the eighth*) to Catherine of Aragon. The king wanted to divorce her after 18 years of marriage, in order to have a male successor to the throne. Henry VIII wanted John Fisher and Thomas More (and others) to tell him that he was free to marry again. Both John Fisher and Thomas More were executed for opposing King Henry VIII, who declared himself to be Head of the Church in England.
- 2 Sometimes when we pray for something, we might think it’s an easy way for something to happen, presuming that God will do something without us having to work at it. If I pray for “peace in our world” then I am really also committing myself to start *making* peace around me. Saint Thomas More put this in a simple way when he said:  
*“The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us your grace to work for.”*  
We’ll make those words our prayer today, as we say:
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