

(See also 14 March and 18 April.)

- 1 In 1905 the scientist, Albert Einstein, produced his "*Special Theory of Relativity*", which linked time and space and movement.
- 2 A week ago, the 11th May, was the anniversary in 1916 of Einstein producing a new "*General Theory of Relativity*" about gravity and space.
- 3 Einstein was born a German and was of Jewish background. For many years there was hatred and rivalry between Germany and France, and he was all too well-aware of the persecution of the Jews down the ages. Einstein said:
- 4 "*If my Theory of Relativity is proven correct,  
Germany will claim me as a German,  
and France will declare  
that I am a citizen of the world.  
Should my theory prove untrue,  
France will say that I am a German,  
and Germany will declare that I am a Jew.*"
- 5 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, I ask for the gifts  
of knowledge and wisdom  
and understanding.**

**What I pray for  
I intend to work at,  
so that I may be someone  
with an open mind,  
a thirst for knowledge,  
and a wisdom that makes good use  
of my knowledge and experience.**

**I know that any gifts are useless  
if I do not also have  
love and concern for others,  
and so I ask that you inspire me  
to live in such a way  
that I am caring and compassionate**

**and promote understanding  
between people.  
May others respect me, Lord,  
as much as I respect them. Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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