

Our School Prayers

School Prayer

Lord bless our school that in working
together and playing together,
we may learn to serve You and serve
one another.
Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with
thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to
whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day (or night) be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Prayer Before Lunch

Bless us oh Lord as we sit together,
Bless the food we eat today,
Bless the hand that made the food,
Bless us oh Lord. Amen

Grace after meals

Thank Lord for the food we have
eaten ,
Thank you Lord for all our friends,
Thank you Lord. Amen

Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Sorry Prayer

Oh my God I am very sorry that I have
sinned against you and with the help of
your grace I will not sin again.
Amen

A Parental Guide to Prayer and Liturgical Prayer



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Mission Statement

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The children and adults in school pray together several times per day. This will be through morning, lunchtime and evening prayers as well as those when we gather for liturgical Prayer or mass. Time is also given for private prayer and reflection.

Types of prayers

- At the start and the end of the day
- Lunchtime prayers
- Quiet reflection and meditation
- Through songs/music
- Through dance
- Written/use of colour
- Traditional prayers
- Private intentions
- Using one of our prayer stations
- The Rosary

Each classroom and the hall has a focus table which is prepared to reflect the liturgical season of the year. (Green cloths for ordinary time; purple cloths for Advent and Lent; white/gold/red cloths for feast days. We also use blue for the feasts of Mary and in May/October). The items placed on the focus table help the children to think about the theme of their prayer and liturgy: scripture, candles, stones, flowers, prayer intentions such as for the sick, those who have died etc.

Prayer Stations

Throughout the school there are a number of Prayer Stations. These allow a time for prayer and reflection to all those who visit and use our school. They may take the form of reflection, the opportunity to colour/write a prayer or simply to appreciate the wonder God created.

Examples of our current prayer stations are:

- Box next to sleeping St. Joseph
- Writing of a petal for our bouquet of "Hail Mary" during May.
- Looking the in box to see the beauty God created.

Liturgical Prayer.

This takes place each day in differing forms. It varies from whole school, Key Stage and individual class. It is different to prayer. The children are supported as they plan and lead liturgical prayer

Liturgical Prayer has four distinct parts

- Gather—use of music; thought is given to how those gathered will sit.
- Word—listening to scripture and the Word of God.
- Action/response—a reflection on the reading and how it can apply to us. This can, for example, be through song, silence, mediation, prayer.
- Sending Forth/Mission— what each person can do/try to do based on the Word. Such as showing kindness, being a good friend, having patience and tolerance.

How you can take part

Parents, carers, family and friends of our children are welcome to join us in the prayer life of the school. There are many way that you can take part.

- Supporting your child to learn the prayers that are used in school.
- Using our prayer stations.
- Each class also reflects on special intentions and your child can add that to their own class list.
- Join us for our collective worship on a Friday which is led by a class
- Attend our special liturgies that reflect the time of year such as Harvest, Advent, Lent
- Join us each fortnight for mass which is held in school.