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1. BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

The new school year.



Good morning everyone.

Let's begin our Celebration of the Word
this morning by making the sign of the cross.

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.*

Let's offer to God everything we are going to do today,
by saying the morning offering.

*O my God I give to you all that I think and say and do.
All my work and all my play I will give to God today.
Amen.*

Today we remember the birthday
of someone who is very special to us;
Our Lady, the Mother of God.
Her special day is on the 8th September.

*God chose Mary to be the Mother of his Son Jesus
because she was simply the best!
She was born and lived completely without sin.*

*Her parents were called Joachim and Anne
and they are both saints,
because they too were very special and holy people.
Let's listen to the Gospel story of when Mary found out
that she was to be the Mother of God.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**God sent the Angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth.
He had a message for a young woman
promised in marriage
to a man named Joseph and her name was Mary.
The angel came to her and said,
'Peace be with you!
The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you.'
Mary was deeply troubled
and she wondered what his words meant.
The Angel said to her,
'Don't be afraid Mary.
You will give birth to a Son
and you will name Him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called
Son of the Most High God.
'I am the Lord's servant' said Mary.
'Let it happen to me as you have said'
And the angel left her.**

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The response is: Let our hearts praise the Lord.

Let our hearts praise the Lord.

Because God is our Saviour.
Because he does great things for us.
Because he shows mercy to everyone.
Because he cares for the poor.
Give praise to the Lord God for ever.

Let our hearts praise the Lord.
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Let our hearts praise the Lord

Let's say the special prayer to Our Lady...

Hail Mary, full of grace....

We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop_____ and Fr_____
That they are guided by God in all that they do.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those people around the world who are suffering.
That they receive comfort from the Lord.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our families and friends. For their good health and happiness.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

**And now let's say our own prayers quietly in the silence of our hearts,
remembering especially _____**

Heavenly Father
We thank you for the gift of Mary.
We ask your blessing on all mothers everywhere,
especially our own mothers.
Help them to be loving and caring
just as Mary was to you.
We ask this through Jesus your Son
who reigns with the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen. **Amen.**

*At the beginning of our new school year,
we also say our prayers for the year ahead.*

*Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of a new school year.
Thank you for our friends, our teachers, our families,
and for our school where we learn and grow together.*

**Bless our classrooms with kindness and respect.
Help us to listen, to try our best,
and to help one another
when learning feels hard.
May our words be gentle,
our actions loving,
and our hearts open to everyone we meet.**

Bless our teachers and staff.
Give them patience, wisdom, and joy
as they guide us each day.

Help us to follow your example
by loving God and loving others.
May this school year be filled with hope, laughter,
and many chances to grow closer to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us all.
**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

2. THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS.



Good morning everyone.

Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let's offer everything we are going to do this week,
the work, the friendships and the enjoyment,
to God by saying the Morning Offering.

O my God I give to you...

At this time of the church's year,
we celebrate a feast called the Triumph of the Cross.
It reminds us that Jesus died on the cross
so that one day we could all go to heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to one of his friends;

*"The Son of Man must die so
that everyone who believes in God
may have everlasting life in Heaven.*

*God has given his only Son
so that everyone who believes will not be lost,
but have eternal life.*

*God sent Him into the world
so that the world might be saved.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Cross looked like a sign of defeat.
Jesus was hurt, mocked, and nailed to it.
But God turned the Cross
into a sign of victory and love.
Jesus chose to suffer
because He loves us so much.
By dying on the Cross and rising again,
He defeated sin and death forever.

Sometimes we all have little crosses in our lives —
worries, sadness, arguments,
or times when things feel hard.
Jesus understands our struggles
because He carried His Cross too.
When we pray and trust in Him,
He gives us strength and peace.

The triumph of the Cross reminds us
that love is stronger than hate,
kindness is stronger than cruelty,
and hope is stronger than fear.
When we look at the Cross,
we remember that Jesus is always with us,
and that His love will never fail.

*Jesus, thank you for loving us so much
that you died on the Cross for us.
Help us to carry our own little crosses
with courage, kindness, and faith.
May we always remember
that your Cross
is a sign of victory, hope, and love. Amen.*

The response is: Loving Lord, listen to our prayer.
Loving Lord listen to our prayer.

We pray for our families and friends.
We pray for those who do not believe in God.
We pray for those people who are lonely.
We pray for those people who are sad.

Loving Lord listen to our prayer.
Loving Lord listen to our prayer.
Loving Lord listen to our prayer.
Loving Lord listen to our prayer.

And now let's say our own prayers in the quiet of our hearts.
We especially remember;

We ask Our Lady to pray with us as we say
Hail Mary, full of grace...

Loving God,
as we begin a new school week,
thank you for the gift of learning
and for our teachers and friends.
Send your Holy Spirit to guide our minds,
help us to listen, to try our best,
and to be kind to one another.
Keep us safe in all we do,
and help us to grow closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. *Amen.*

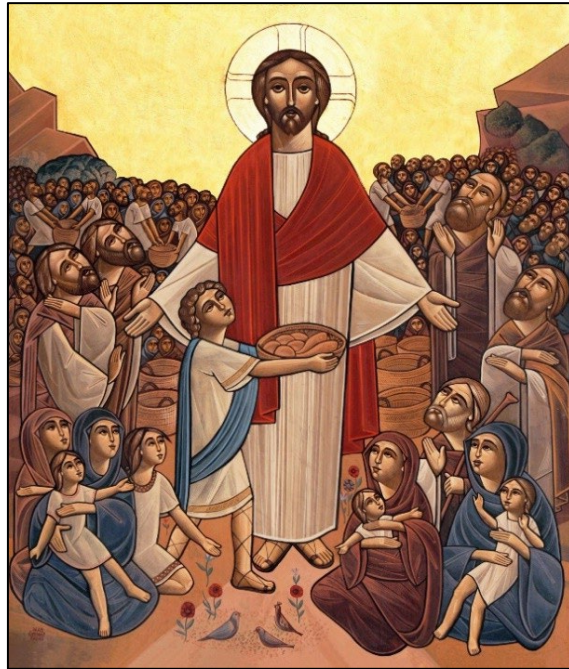
*May God keep us from all harm
and bless us with every good gift. Amen. *Amen.**

*May he set His word in our hearts
and fill us with joy. Amen. *Amen.**

*May we walk in His ways,
always knowing what is right and good. Amen. *Amen**

*And may Almighty God bless us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

3. JESUS AND CHILDREN.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father...

And now let's offer to God everything we are going to do today
by saying the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*In the Bible there are special stories
that tell us about Jesus caring for children.
There was a man called Jairus.
His little girl had died, but Jesus said,
"Don't worry. She is just sleeping."
And he brought her back to life.
Jesus loved children in a very special way.
Here is another story that shows this.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Some people brought children to Jesus for Him to touch them.
But the disciples tried to send them away.
When Jesus noticed it, he was angry,
and said to them, "Let the children come to me.
Do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God
Belongs to everyone like them. Remember this!
Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child,
will never enter it!"
Then He took the children in His arms,
placed His hands on each of them, and blessed them.**

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Jesus is telling everyone that children are very special.
If everyone can believe in God,
and make the earth like the Kingdom of Heaven,
then one day we will all be happy with God in Heaven.

Let us pray.

We think of children everywhere.

The response is Jesus comfort them; Jesus comfort them.

For those children who are sick.

Jesus comfort them.

For those children who are sad .

Jesus comfort them.

For those children who are lonely.

Jesus comfort them.

For children living in war zones.

Jesus comfort them.

For children who are homeless.

Jesus comfort them.

For all children who are suffering.

Jesus comfort them.

Loving Lord Jesus.

Please bless those who are lonely.

Bless children who have no friends to play with.

Please let them understand

that you are always with them,

and always loving them.

Watch over them O Lord with your loving care.

Amen. Amen.

Let prayers for a moment in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

And now let's say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say.

Our Father who art in heaven...

Loving God, as we begin a new school week,

thank you for the gift of learning

and for our teachers and friends.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide our minds,

help us to listen, to try our best, and to be kind to one another.

Keep us safe in all we do, and help us to grow closer to you each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

Lord, help us with your kindness.

Make us strong to put all our good thoughts into actions.

Bless us through this week.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

4. THE HOLY ANGELS.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our school week,
by praying to our heavenly Father.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son...

Let's offer all we are going to do to God,
by saying the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*At this time of the Church's year,
we celebrate the feast of the Archangels
Michael, Raphael and Gabriel.
We also celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels.
Angels are God's messengers.
We often see pictures of angels
wearing white robes and having wings,
but in fact, they are spirits... something we cannot see.
Let's hear about each of these special messengers of God.*

This is the story of Michael.

**Before letting the angels join Him in Heaven,
God wanted to see if they would obey Him.
Lucifer was proud of his power
and turned against God saying,
'I will not serve you.'
But Michael, whose name means 'like God',
stood up to fight for God.
The good angels joined him,
and they cast Lucifer into Hell and the bad angels followed him.
Sometimes we call Lucifer,
that bad angel, the Devil!**

This is the story of Raphael.

In the Old Testament,
a blind man called Tobit sent his son,
Tobias into a far-away country
to collect some money that people owed him.
God sent Raphael to show him the way.
On the journey a large fish leapt from the water after Tobias.
The angel told him to take insides from the fish
to make a medicine.
When Tobias returned, the angel told him
to put the medicine from the fish
on the eyes of his old father.
At once his father was able to see.
Raphael is the patron saint of the sick,
of travellers and of young people.

This is the story of Gabriel.

*Gabriel is the angel we know best.
He was sent to tell Mary
that she was to be the mother of Jesus.
There are lots of stories in the Bible about angels.
An angel sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden
when they had disobeyed God.
The angel of death passed by
and spared the people of Israel,
known as the Passover.
An angel told Elizabeth that she was going to have a baby.
The baby was John the Baptist.
An angel told the shepherds
to visit the baby Jesus in Bethlehem.
An angel announced that Jesus had risen from the dead.*

**Heavenly Father,
thank you for sending your holy angels
to guide and protect us.**

**Saint Michael, be our defender in times of trouble.
Help us to choose what is right
and to be brave in following Jesus.**

Saint Gabriel, messenger of God,
help us to listen carefully to God's voice
and to share His love with others.

*Saint Raphael, gentle healer and guide,
watch over our families and friends,
and help those who are sick, sad or afraid.*

**We can say our prayers to the angels,
to ask them to watch over us and protect us
Holy Archangels,
pray for us and protect us each day.
Lead us closer to Jesus
and help us grow in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

The response is; Be with us in our hearts.
Be with us in our hearts.

For our families: Those we share a home with.
That we may always try to love and help each other.
Be with us in our hearts.

For our friends: That we will always offer true friendship
and be there when our friends need us.
Be with us in our hearts.

For our school life: That we will always try to do our best,
at work and play, and we will behave as we should.
Be with us in our hearts.

We now bring all our prayers to God as we pray.

We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop_____and Fr_____
That they are guided by God in all that they do.
Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for those people around the world who are suffering.
That they receive comfort from the Lord.
Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for our families and friends.
For their good health and happiness.
Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

Let's pray for a moment in the quiet of our heart, especially remembering

And now we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say.
Our Father who art in heaven...

And May Almighty God bless us all.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

5. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.



Good morning everyone.

This morning we celebrate the feast of a very special saint.

He is Saint Francis of Assisi.

Let's first begin by making the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And let's offer to God,

everything we are going to do today.

O my God I give to you...

Today we celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi.

He lived 900 years ago.

He is most well-known for his love of nature and animals.

Here is his story:

Francis was born into a wealthy family.

They lived in a town in Italy called Assisi.

When he was old enough, he joined the army.

Francis was captured and taken prisoner.

*He was held prisoner in a dungeon for a year
before his father paid the ransom, and he was set free.*

Over the next few years

*Francis began to see visions from God
that changed his life.*

The first vision was when he was sick with a high fever.

**At first, he thought that God had called him
to fight in the Crusades.**

**However, he had another vision
that told him to help the sick.**

Finally, when praying in a church,

Francis heard God tell him to:

"repair my church, which is falling in ruins."

Francis gave all his money to the church.

His father became very angry with him.
Francis then left his father's home
and decided to live in a very simple way, with no money.
People started to notice how holy he was
and wanted to live in the same way as him.
He had one basic rule which was -
"To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ
and to walk in his footsteps".

*Francis and his followers travelled to Rome
to get the approval for their religious order from the pope.
At first the pope wasn't very keen.
These men were dirty, poor, and smelled bad.
However, eventually the Pope understood their vow of poverty
and blessed the Order.*

*Francis was known for his love of nature and animals.
There are many stories about Saint Francis
and his preaching to animals.
It is said that one day he was talking to some birds
when they began to sing together.
Then they flew into the sky
and formed the sign of a cross.*

**It was also said that Francis could tame wild animals.
One story tells of a vicious wolf
in the town of Gubbio,
that was killing people and sheep.
The people of the town were frightened
and didn't know what to do.
Francis went to the town to confront the wolf.
At first the wolf growled at Francis
and prepared to attack him.
However, Francis made the sign of the cross
and told the wolf not to hurt anyone else.
The wolf then became tame and the town was safe.
Saint Francis is also known
for inventing the Christmas Crib.
He was made a saint only 2 years after he died.**

Let us pray.
The response is: Lord, show us how to love. **Lord show us how to love.**

When we feel angry.	Lord show us how to love.
When we feel upset.	Lord show us how to love.
When we are with friends.	Lord show us how to love.
When we see lonely people.	Lord show us how to love.
When we see sad people.	Lord show us how to love.
With whoever we meet.	Lord show us how to love.

*Loving Lord,
We join Saint Francis in prayer:*

*Please, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hate, let me show love;
Where there is hurt, let me show forgiveness;
Where there is doubt, let me show faith;
Where there is unhappiness, let me show hope;
Where there is darkness, let me show light;
And where there is sadness, let me show joy. Amen. **Amen.***

**Let's spend a few moments in the quiet of our hearts,
talking to God, and we think
especially about _____**

**Let us say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say:
Our Father who art in heaven...**

At the beginning of our school week,
may Almighty God bless us in everything we do.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

6. ST. THERESA.



Good morning everyone.

This morning we celebrate the feast of a very special saint.

She is St Theresa, known as the Little Flower.

Let's first begin by making the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father...

And let's offer to God everything we are going to do today
by saying the Morning Offering.

O my God I give to you...

Here is the story of St Theresa.

She was born in Normandy, France,

and was the youngest of five children.

She was a happy child who loved Jesus.

*Two of her sisters became Carmelite nuns
and when she was 15, she wanted more than anything
to join them and be a nun too.*

But the bishop and the Carmelites told her that she was too young.

A few months later,

Theresa went with her father to Rome.

*She knelt bravely before the Pope and asked him
to let her be a Carmelite nun.*

**The Pope liked her at once,
but he agreed with the bishop.**

**At the end of the year,
the bishop gave his permission
and at the age of 15**

Theresa became a nun.

**Theresa spent her life praying
and helping lots of people.**

Let us pray.
St Theresa, we have listened to how you loved God
and gave your time on earth to serving Him.
We would like to be like you;
kind, loving and gentle.
Help us in our work and play,
to think of you and the example you set.
Help us to show a bit of your example
in the way we live.
We ask this through Jesus, Our Lord.
Amen.

*We pray for peace in our hearts and in our families.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*We pray for peace in our school and the places we go.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*We pray for peace around the world. Especially in places where there is war.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Let's now offer the people near us a Sign of Peace.

Let's spend a moment making our own prayers to Jesus.

We especially remember _____

*We bring all our prayers, at the beginning of a new school week,
to God our Father, as we say:
Our Father, who art in heaven...*

Loving God.
You have made us in your own image.
Please help us to become the person you want us to be.
Help us to be kind and loving at home and at school.
Help us to be generous with all that we have.
Please help us to think of you first,
then think of other people,
and ourselves last of all.
We ask all of these things through your Son Jesus Christ,
who reigns with the Spirit,
God for ever and ever,
Amen.

May God be with us this day to protect and guide us.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

7. OUR LADY

Praying the Rosary.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*October is a special month in the Church's year.
It is dedicated especially to the Rosary.
Lots of us have a pair of Rosary beads
They help us to say Hail Marys
and think about the different events in Jesus' life.
It is Our Lady's favourite prayer
and she is always asking us to pray it with her.
We know this
because she told St Bernadette at Lourdes.*

Here is the story of how the Rosary came to be.

**Nearly 800 years ago, there lived a holy man called Dominic,
And he was a priest.
He spent a lot of time talking to people
who weren't very good at being Christians,
even though they thought that they were!
Dominic was getting fed up with these people
who used to say silly things,
like it wasn't who that did bad things,
like stealing or being greedy or killing people,
but their bodies doing them.
And that meant they could carry on doing them!**

Well Dominic was fed up and prayed to Our Lady.
'Will you give me some advice please?' he asked.
And Our Lady said, 'Certainly.
What you must do is get them to think very slowly,
one by one, of the most important events in Jesus' life.
At each one, say one Our Father, ten Hail Marys
and one Glory be to the Father.'

'How can they remember all that,' replied Dominic.
'I don't think that they could count
and think at the same time!'
'Well then,' said Our Lady,
'You must make something to count with,
and she showed Dominic something
that looked like a necklace.
'Look,' she said, 'one bead for an Our Father
then ten beads for the ten Hail Marys.
You can make it out of knots of string if you like.'

*'Once the people get used to doing this,
they'll soon stop being bad.
To find the 15 things to think about,
start at the very beginning...
first the Annunciation,
when the Angel Gabriel came to see me.
Then when I went to see Elizabeth,
and then when Jesus was born, and so on.
Go through Jesus's life
and you'll soon make a list
of all the important things.'
And that's how the rosary was started
and Dominic had much better luck
with the bad people after that!*

**A litany is a special prayer in the form of a list.
We now join together to pray a litany of Our Lady
who is Queen of everything.**

The response is: Pray for us.

Queen of angels.	Pray for us.
Queen of prophets.	Pray for us.
Queen of families.	Pray for us.
Queen of children.	Pray for us.
Queen of Heaven.	Pray for us.
Queen of the holy Rosary.	Pray for us.
Queen of peace.	Pray for us.

We pray for peace in our hearts and in our families.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in our school and the places we go.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace around the world. Especially in places where there is war.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let's now offer the people near us a Sign of Peace.

Let's say our own private prayers to Mary for a moment in the quiet of our hearts.

We especially remember _____

Let's say Our Lady's special prayer.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...

**Loving God,
as we begin a new school week,
thank you for the gift of learning
and for our teachers and friends.
Send your Holy Spirit to guide our minds,
help us to listen, to try our best,
and to be kind to one another.
Keep us safe in all we do,
and help us to grow closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. **Amen.****

May Jesus, Son of Mary, bless us this morning and through the day.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

8. OUR LADY & THE ROSARY.



Good morning everyone.
We begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father...

And let's offer everything we are going to do today, to God.
O my God I give to you...

In October we are thinking especially about Mary
and her special prayer, the Rosary.
God chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son
because he knew
that she was a very special person.
We think so too!
She is someone we can turn to.
She always wants to hear what we have to say,
good news and bad,
and she asks her son Jesus to help us.
Let's listen to the gospel story
which tells us how Mary found out
that she was to be the mother of Jesus.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*One day, God sent His messenger
to a town called Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary.
She was engaged to a man named Joseph.*

*The messenger said;
 "Be happy Mary. God has blessed you
 and He is with you now!"
 Mary didn't know what to say
 and she wondered what this meant.
 But the messenger who was an angel said,
 "Do not be afraid.
 God is very pleased with you.
 Listen, you are going to have a baby
 and he will be called Jesus."
 Then Mary said, "I am the servant of God.
 I am glad to do what He wants."*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mary is such a special person
 that she has lots of different titles.
 We now pray a litany of Our Lady
 and think about what kind of person she is.**

The response is: Pray for us. Pray for us.

Holy Mary.	Pray for us.
Holy Mother of God.	Pray for us.
Mother of Christ.	Pray for us.
Mother with a heart most pure.	Pray for us.
Mother of our maker.	Pray for us.
Mother of our Saviour.	Pray for us.
Queen of angels.	Pray for us.
Queen of saints.	Pray for us.
Queen of the rosary.	Pray for us.
Queen of peace.	Pray for us.

Let us pray:

The response is Mother of God listen to our prayer. **Mother of God listen to our prayer.**

Mary, help us to be kind and loving to everyone.	Mother of God listen to our prayer.
Help us to be good to our parents.	Mother of God listen to our prayer.
Mary, help us to try hard in all that we do.	Mother of God listen to our prayer.
Mary, help us to be good friends to each other.	Mother of God listen to our prayer.

*Loving God, thank you for bringing us safely
 to a new school week.
 Help us to learn, to listen, and to do our best each day.
 Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

*Lord, help us when our work feels hard
or when we make mistakes.
Give us patience, courage,
and confidence to keep trying.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

*Lord, watch over our families
and our school community this week.
Keep us safe, healthy, and happy in all we do.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Let's pray for a while in the silence of our hearts. We especially remember

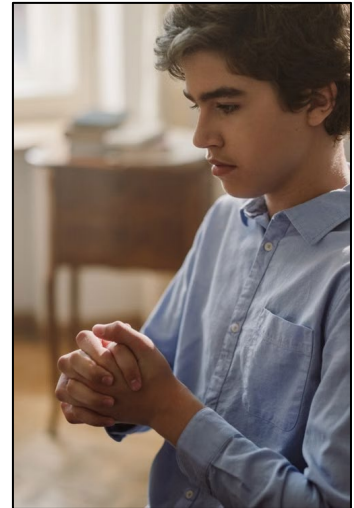
Let us say the special prayer to Our Lady.
Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee...

**Loving God,
as we begin a new school week,
thank you for the gift of learning
and for our teachers and friends.
Send your Holy Spirit to guide our minds,
help us to listen, to try our best,
and to be kind to one another.
Keep us safe in all we do,
and help us to grow closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Amen.**

**We now bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.
Lord, bless us with your heavenly gifts.
And in your mercy, make us true and good followers.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**

**May Almighty God bless us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

9. TOGETHER WE PRAY.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering
O my God I give to you ...

Today we remember someone who lived at the time of Jesus
and spent a lot of time telling everyone
about the importance of prayer.
He was called Paul.
Paul prayed with his friends in the church family.
When he travelled to different places
he used to write letters to his friends.
Even when he was put in prison for being a Christian,
he still managed to write his letters.
This is a message from a letter
he wrote to his friends
in a place called Phillipi in Greece.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

*May you always be joyful
in your union with the Lord.
I say it again: rejoice!
Show a gentle attitude toward everyone.
The Lord is coming soon.
Don't worry about anything,
but in all your prayers,*

*ask God for what you need,
always asking him with a thankful heart.
And God's peace,
which is far beyond human understanding,
will keep your hearts and minds
safe in union with Christ Jesus.*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Let us pray.
The response is; We ask you Lord, listen to our prayer.
We ask you Lord listen to our prayer.

For those in charge of our country.
**Help them to pass good laws that are fair
and that will help everyone to live happily together.**
We ask you Lord listen to our prayer.

For the people in our lives.
Help the people in our community to know how much you care for them.
We ask you Lord listen to our prayer.

For ourselves and the things we need.
That we will always ask for those things which are good for us.
We ask you Lord listen to our prayer.

We remember those saints whose feast days are at this time of the year.
The response is; Pray for us. **Pray for us.**

St Luke.	pray for us.
St Margaret Clitheroe.	pray for us.
St Edmund.	pray for us.
St Simon.	pray for us.
St John.	pray for us.
St Francis of Assisi.	pray for us.

We pray for peace in our hearts and in our families.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in our school and the places we go.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace around the world. Especially in places where there is war.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Let's say our own prayers in quiet for a moment. We especially remember;

Let's now offer the people near us a Sign of Peace.

*In this month of the Rosary, let us ask Our Lady to listen to our prayers as we say,
Hail Mary full of grace...*

**Loving God,
as we begin a new school week,
thank you for the gift of learning
and for our teachers and friends.
Send your Holy Spirit to guide our minds,
help us to listen, to try our best,
and to be kind to one another.
Keep us safe in all we do,
and help us to grow closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.**

At the beginning of our new school week,
may Almighty God bless us all.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

10. ALL SAINTS.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*Today we remember the Church's feast called All Saints.
Everyone who is in Heaven is a saint.
Some of them are very well known
because they lived special lives
and showed that they loved God very much.
Sometimes it's difficult to remember
to be a good follower of Jesus,
but we should just think of our saint heroes
who set us good examples, and they will help us.*

**In this Gospel reading,
Jesus tells us what we have to do
to be able to go to Heaven.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Jesus saw some people and went up on a hill
where He sat down.
His disciples also gathered around Him
and He began to teach them.
This is what he said;
"Happy are those who know they are poor.
The Kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
Happy are those who are sad.
God will comfort them.
Happy are those who are humble.
They will receive what God has promised.**

Happy are those whose greatest wish
is to do what God wants.
God will make them happy.
Happy are those who are kind to others.
God will be kind to them.
Happy are the pure in heart. They will see God.

Happy are those who work for peace.
God will call them His children.
Happy are those who suffer
because they do what God wants.
The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.

Happy are you when people insult you
and tell all kinds of evil lies against you
because you are my followers.
Be happy and glad because a great reward
is kept for you in Heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Let us spend a moment thinking about all these things God is telling us.

We also especially pray for _____

The response is; hear our prayer. Hear our prayer

**We ask you Lord to help us to be like the saints.
To be loving and kind and generous
in all that we do.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

**We pray that the way we treat each other,
shows that we are trying to live
as the saints.
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

**Loving God, thank you for bringing us safely
to a new school week.
Help us to learn, to listen,
and to do our best each day.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Let's offer to those people near us, a sign of peace.

And let's now say a prayer to Mary who is Queen of all saints.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Heavenly Father,
today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints.
Thank you for all the holy men, women, and children
who loved you and followed Jesus with joyful hearts.

Help us to be kind, brave, loving, and faithful each day.
Teach us to help others, forgive quickly,
and trust in you always.

Help us remember that we are all called to be saints too —
in our homes, at school, with our friends, and in our prayers.

May we shine with the light of Jesus
and one day join all the saints in heaven,
praising you forever.
Through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

God is the glory and joy of all his saints
who we remember today.
May his blessing be with us always. Amen. **Amen.**

*May the prayers of the saints protect us from bad things
and may their example of good living
help us in our daily lives. Amen. **Amen.***

**God is happy that those in the church
are happy with him in Heaven.
May we too one day share in that happiness in heaven. Amen. **Amen.****

And May Almighty God bless us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

11. ALL SOULS.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

November is the month of the Holy Souls.
That means we remember people who have died,
and we pray that they will be happy in heaven.
In one of his letters, St Paul explains
that although we are sad when someone dies,
We should remember to have hope,
because dying is not the end.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

*Our friends, we want you to know the truth
about those who have died,
so that you will not be sad,
as are those who have no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again,
and so we believe that God
will take back with Jesus
those who have died believing in him.*

*There will be the shout of command,
the archangel's voice,
the sound of God's trumpet,
and the Lord himself will come down from heaven.*

*Those who have died believing in Christ
will rise to life first;*

*then we who are living at that time,
will be gathered up along with them in the clouds,
to meet the Lord in the air.
And so we will always be with the Lord.
So then, encourage one another with these words.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**This prayer is part of Psalm 16.
The response is; Lord we are safe with you.
Lord we are safe with you.**

**Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety.
Lord we are safe with you.**

**You, Lord, are all I have,
and you give me all I need.
Lord we are safe with you.**

**I praise the Lord, because he guides me,
he is near, and nothing can shake me.
Lord we are safe with you.**

**You will show me the path that leads to life;
your presence fills me with joy.
Lord we are safe with you.**

Let us bow our heads and pray.

We pray for all those people in our families who have died.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those people who have died on their own and have had no one to pray for them.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those people who have given their lives in fighting for freedom.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*Let us say the special prayer for everyone who has died,
especially those who are close to us.*

**Eternal Rest give unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
may they rest in peace. Amen.**

Let us pray for a moment in the quiet of our hearts. We especially remember

And now let's offer to those people near us a Sign of Peace.

**In his great love, God has given us the gift of life.
May he bless us in the hope that we will live forever with him in Heaven. Amen.
Amen.**

To us who are alive, may he grant forgiveness,
and to those who have died, grant a place of light and peace. Amen. **Amen.**

*As we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, so may we live forever with him in joy. Amen.
Amen.*

And may Almighty God bless us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

12. THE HOLY SOULS.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son....

And we say together the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

We continue to remember those people who have died.
This week let's think especially about those people
who do not have anyone to say a prayer for them.
We are all very lucky that we have lots of people
who care for us and look after us.
But many people, including children,
live without anyone to love them.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*'Do not be worried and upset,' Jesus told them.
'Believe in God and believe also in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house,
and I am going to prepare a place for you.
I would not tell you this if it were not so.
And after I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to myself,
so that you will be where I am.
You know the way that leads
to the place where I am going.'*

*Thomas said to him,
'Lord, we do not know where you are going;
so how can we know the way to get there?'
Jesus answered him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life;
no one goes to the Father except by me.'*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

This prayer is from Psalm 139.
The response is: Lord you are my protector.
Lord you are my protector.

Lord you have examined me,
and you know me.
You know everything I do.
Lord you are my protector.

You see me,
whether I am working or resting,
you know all my actions.
Lord you are my protector.

Even before I speak,
you already know what I will say.
Lord you are my protector.

You are all around me on every side,
you protect me with your power.
Lord you are my protector.

You created every part of me,
you put me together in my mother's womb.
Lord you are my protector.

God of might and power.
Bless those people who are lonely and have no friends.
Help us to make friends
and let our friendship
help them come to know your love.
Amen.

Let us pray
We pray today for all the people who have died.
Welcome them into your heavenly home,
where there is no sadness, pain, or fear.
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

We pray for the lonely and unhappy.
That God will watch over them with his loving care.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sad
because someone they know has died.
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died and have no one else to pray for them.

We also remember _____

Let's say the special prayer for people who have died.

Eternal Rest give unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them,
may they rest in peace.
Amen.

And for all these people we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say.

Our Father who art in heaven.....

May our loving God,
who consoles everyone who is upset,
watch over us this week
and look after us.

And may He bless us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

13. CHRIST THE KING.



Good morning everyone.

Let's begin our liturgy this morning by making the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son....

And we say together the Morning Offering.

O my God I give to you...

*At the end of November,
the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King.
Jesus was not only the King of the Jews,
as people called him.
He was, and is, the King of all Creation;
of Heaven and Earth.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**When they came to the place called 'The Skull,'
they crucified Jesus there,
and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.
Jesus said, 'Forgive them, Father!
They don't know what they are doing.'**

**Above him were written these words:
'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there,
hurled insults at him:
'Aren't you the Messiah?
Save yourself and us!'**

**The other one, however, rebuked him, saying,
'Don't you fear God?
You received the same sentence he did.'**

Ours, however, is only right,
because we are getting what we deserve for what we did;
but he has done no wrong.'
And he said to Jesus,
'Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!'
Jesus said to him,
'I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Grace and peace be yours from God,
who is, who was, and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits in front of his throne,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the first to be raised from death
and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world.

He loves us, and by his sacrificial death
he has freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom of priests
to serve his God and Father.
To Jesus Christ be the glory and power
forever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming on the clouds!
Everyone will see him,
including those who pierced him.
All peoples on earth will mourn over him.
So shall it be!

"I am the first and the last," says the Lord God Almighty,
who is, who was, and who is to come.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

This prayer is part of Psalm 47.

The response is: God is King of all the earth.
God is King of all the earth.

Clap your hands for joy, all peoples!
Praise God with loud songs!
God is King of all the earth.

*God goes up to his throne.
There are shouts of joy
and the blast of trumpets,
as the Lord goes up.
God is King of all the earth.*

*Sing praise to God;
sing praise to our king!
God is King of all the earth.*

*God is king over all the world;
praise him with songs!
God is King of all the earth.*

Let us say our own prayers quietly in our hearts.

We especially remember_____

Let us pray for all the Holy Souls, especially those people who we know.

*Eternal rest give unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them,
may they rest in peace.
Amen.*

*Lord, you give us Christ the King of all creation.
Help us to live by his gospel,
Building his kingdom here on earth,
Where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*May Christ the King of Heaven and Earth, bless us all.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

14. 1st WEEK OF ADVENT.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering
O my God I give to you...

*We are celebrating the beginning of the Church's year.
It begins with the season of Advent.*

*The word 'Advent' means, 'getting ready.'
Each week we will hear about how people got ready
for the birth of Jesus.*

*Lord Jesus, you come to bring light into our lives.
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

*You come to forgive us when we make mistakes.
Christ have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.*

*You come to help us love one another.
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

*May Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins
And bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

**We make our hearts ready now,
for Jesus, promised long ago.
We clear our thoughts and choose what's right,
like stars that shine so warm and bright.**

**We practice kindness every day,
with loving words in all we say.
We help at home, we share our toys,
we lift up others with our joys.**

**We learn to say, "I'm sorry too,"
and try again the whole day through.
We pray and listen, calm and still,
to hear God's voice and know his will.**

**With hopeful songs and thankful cheer,
we wait with love — He's coming near!
Our hearts are open, full of peace,
ready for Jesus, Prince of Peace.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The coming of the Son of Man
will be like what happened in the time of Noah.
In the days before the flood,
people ate and drank
and carried on with normal life
right up to the very day Noah went into the boat.
Yet they did not realise
what was happening
until the flood came and swept them all away.
That is how it will be
when the Son of Man comes.
Be on your guard then,
because you do not know
what day or hour the Lord will come.
So then you must always be ready
because the Son of Man will come
when you are not expecting Him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Let us pray.
We pray for Christians all over the world.
That as Christmas gets nearer, we all try really hard
to prepare in the right way, ready to make a place in our hearts
for the peace of Christ.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*We pray for those who do not believe in God.
That the example we set
will be an inspiration to them
and that they realise that God wants them to love him too.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer*

**We pray for peace this Advent.
Peace in our hearts and peace around the world.
We remember those children
who will be celebrating Christmas
amidst war and violence.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer**

**Let us ask Mary the Mother of God,
at this special time of getting ready,
to listen to our prayers, as we say Hail Mary...**

Let's now spend a few moments in the silence of our hearts,
saying our own prayers to God our ever-loving Father.

We especially remember _____

*Father of all Creation.
We thank you for sending us your Son,
Jesus to the world.
In this Advent season,
we pray that we will be truly ready
to greet him when he comes.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.*

**We believe that Jesus came to help us get to heaven.
May his coming at Christmas
bring us the light of his holiness,
and his blessing give us freedom. Amen.**

May God make us strong in our faith,
happy and always loving throughout our lives. Amen. Amen.

We are happy that Jesus came to live on earth
to teach us about God's love.
May He reward us with happiness in heaven. Amen. Amen.

May Almighty God bless us.
*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

15. 2nd WEEK OF ADVENT.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering
O my God I give to you...

This is the second week of Advent.
We think today about Bethlehem and peace.
In the Old Testament, a prophet called Micah
said that the place where Jesus was to be born,
would be Bethlehem.
As we light the candles of the Advent wreath,
let us remember Jesus' birth in Bethlehem,
and the peace he brought to earth.

*Lord Jesus,
You come to bring light into our lives.
Lord have mercy
Lord, have mercy.*

*You come to forgive us when we make mistakes.
Christ have mercy
Christ, have mercy.*

*You come to help us love one another.
Lord have mercy
Lord, have mercy.*

*May Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins,
And bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

**Zechariah was the father of John the Baptist.
In this reading from the gospel of St Luke,
he praises God that John will be the person
who prepares everyone for Jesus's coming.**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has come to the help of his people
and has set them free.
He has provided for us a mighty Saviour,
a descendant of his servant David.
He promised through his holy prophets long ago
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the power of all those who hate us.
He said he would show mercy to our ancestors
and remember his sacred covenant.
With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham
he promised to rescue us from our enemies
and allow us to serve him without fear,
so that we might be holy and righteous before him
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, will be called
a prophet of the Most High God.
You will go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his road for him,
to tell his people that they will be saved
by having their sins forgiven.
Our God is merciful and tender.
He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us
and to shine from heaven on all those
who live in the dark shadow of death,
to guide our steps into the path of peace.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*As we look forward to a happy Christmas, we remember those
not as fortunate as us.*

*For children living in war zones.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*For children who are sick and in hospital.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*For children who have no one to love them.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*For children who can't go to school.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

*For children who are unhappy.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Let's spend a few moments speaking to God in the silence of our hearts.

We especially think about _____

Let us pray to Our Father in heaven.
Our Father who art in heaven...

God of power and mercy,
help us to prepare our hearts
to welcome your Son at Christmas time.
Remove all things that might stop us
thinking about the real meaning
of Christmas,
so that we can be true followers
and be with you always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Amen.*

*Loving God,
as we wait for Christmas,
help us to be patient and kind.
Fill our hearts with hope and joy,
and help us to welcome Jesus
in the way we live and love each day.
Amen. Amen.*

Let us bow our heads for God's blessing.
Lord, look kindly on us.
Grant us the good things that will lead us to you in heaven.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

16. 3rd WEEK OF ADVENT.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning
by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering
O my God I give to you...

This is the 3rd week of Advent when we think
of the shepherds and we think about love.

As we light the candles of the Advent Wreath,
let us think of the shepherds praising God
and for God's great gift of love for all people.

*Lord Jesus, you come to bring light into our lives.
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

*You come to forgive us when we make mistakes.
Christ have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.*

*You come to help us love one another.
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

*May Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Soon afterward Mary got ready
and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea.
She went into Zechariah's house
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the baby moved within her.**

**Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
and said in a loud voice,
'You are the most blessed of all women,
and blessed is the child you will bear!
Why should this great thing happen to me,
that my Lord's mother comes to visit me?
For as soon as I heard your greeting,
the baby within me jumped with gladness.
How happy you are to believe
that the Lord's message to you will come true.'**

**Mary said, 'My heart praises the Lord;
my soul is glad because of God my Saviour,
for he has remembered me, his lowly servant!
From now on all people will call me happy.'**

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**While they were in Bethlehem,
the time came for her to have her baby.
She gave birth to her first son,
wrapped him in cloths
and laid him in a manger—
there was no room for them to stay in the inn.
There were some shepherds in that part of the country
who were spending the night in the fields,
taking care of their flocks.
An angel of the Lord appeared to them,
and the glory of the Lord shone over them.**

***They were terribly afraid,
but the angel said to them,
'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you,
which will bring great joy to all the people.
This very day in David's town your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord!
And this is what will prove it to you:
you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'***

*Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel,
singing praises to God:*

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!'*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray,

God of peace.

**As we approach Christmas and we remember
your message of peace,
we pray for peace in our world.**

**We know that there are people
who do not try to be peaceful.**

May they find a way to seek peace.

Bless the leaders of the world today.

**Give them wisdom and understanding
and the courage to say what they think is right.**

**Help them in their decisions,
so that this world in which we live,
can live in peace.**

Amen. Amen.

The response is; We thank you Father.

We thank you Father.

For the prophecy of the coming of Jesus.

We thank you Father.

For the wonderful joy that it has brought to the world.

We thank you Father.

For the angels singing with joy the good news of the Christ child's birth.

We thank you Father.

For the humble shepherds, the first to visit Jesus.

We thank you Father.

For Jesus who came to save us.

We thank you Father.

Let's now spend a moment in quiet prayer. We especially remember

Let us say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say.
Our Father who art in heaven...

*Loving God, as we wait for Christmas,
help us to be patient and kind.
Fill our hearts with hope and joy,
and help us to welcome Jesus
in the way we live and love each day.
Amen.*

May God make us strong in faith and joy and love each day.
Amen. Amen.

We are happy that Jesus came to live on earth to teach us about God's love.
May he reward us with happiness in heaven.
Amen. Amen.

May we find lasting joy and contentment in God's presence.
Amen. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us all.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

17. 4th WEEK OF ADVENT.



Good morning everyone.
Let's begin our Celebration of the Word this morning by
making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And we say together the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*The Lord is coming!
All peoples clap your hands!
He comes to free the earth from selfishness and injustice.
To each one he offers peace.
The Lord is coming!
All peoples, all children, sing and dance for joy.
He brings light to all those who welcome him.
The Lord is coming!
Give thanks, adore, sing praise!
On the mountain tops, in the countryside,
in the forests and on the plains.
Sing for him and give him praise.
He comes to bring happiness
to all the earth.*

Lord Jesus, you come to bring light into our lives.
Lord have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

You come to forgive us when we make mistakes.
Christ have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

You come to help us love one another.
Lord have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

While they were in Bethlehem,
the time came for her to have her baby.
She gave birth to her first son,
wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger -
there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

There were some shepherds in that part of the country
who were spending the night in the fields,
taking care of their flocks.
An angel of the Lord appeared to them,
and the glory of the Lord shone over them.

*They were terribly afraid,
but the angel said to them,
'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you,
which will bring great joy to all the people.*

*This very day in David's town
your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord!
And this is what will prove it to you:
you will find a baby wrapped in cloths
and lying in a manger.'*

*Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels
appeared with the angel,
singing praises to God:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth
to those with whom he is pleased!'*

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.
The response is; we welcome you in our hearts.
We welcome you in our hearts.

You come soon Lord Jesus.
We welcome you in our hearts.

Lord, you are our light in the darkness.
We welcome you in our hearts.

Jesus, you are the light of our lives.
We welcome you in our hearts.

Come to us and be with us always.
We welcome you in our hearts.

For our school community,
that this Advent we may grow in kindness, patience,
and care for one another.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our families and friends,
that our homes may be filled with love, forgiveness,
and joy as we wait for Christmas.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For people who are poor, lonely, or sad,
that they may feel God's love through the help
and kindness of others.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*For our teachers and all who help us learn,
that God may bless them with strength, patience, and happiness.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*For ourselves,
that we may prepare for Christmas
not just with decorations and gifts,
but by choosing to do good each day.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Let's say our own prayers quietly for a moment.

We especially remember _____

Let's now say a prayer to Mary the Mother of Jesus...
Hail Mary full of grace.....

Loving Father
Thank you for all the fun and games we can have at Christmas.
Thank you for our families.
Please help us not to forget,
in the middle of all our enjoyment,
that Christmas is really about celebrating your birth.
We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen. **Amen.**

May Almighty God send us his special blessings
at this wonderful time of the year.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.