

MONDAY MORNING CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD

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1. EASTER

Let us praise the Risen Lord.



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...

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

O my God I give to you.....

Now we are in the Church's season of Easter.

It's the most important time for us,
when we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead.

It's so important that we don't just celebrate on Easter Sunday
but for 40 days in total.

It reminds us that God's love is stronger than sin and death,
and that Jesus brings new life and hope to the world.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Mark.

*When the Sabbath was over,
Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James
and Salome bought spices,
so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.
Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise,
they were on their way to the tomb
and they asked each other,
'Who will roll the stone away
from the entrance of the tomb?'*

*But when they looked up, they saw that the stone,
which was very large, had been rolled away.
As they entered the tomb,
they saw a young man dressed in a white robe
sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

**‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said.
‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.
He has risen! He is not here.
See the place where they laid him.
But go, tell his disciples and Peter,
he is going ahead of you into Galilee.
There you will see him, just as he told you.’
Trembling and bewildered, t
he women went out and fled from the tomb.
They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.**

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

The response is: Let us praise the risen Lord.
Let us praise the risen Lord.

Give thanks to God the Father - he has made us children of Christ.
Let us praise the risen Lord.

Even before the world was made, he chose us to be his very own.
Let us praise the risen Lord.

He wanted us to live like him, in goodness and friendship.
Let us praise the risen Lord.

He loves us so much, that he wants us to be his sons and daughters.
Let us praise the risen Lord.

Let us praise and thank God for rising from the dead.
Let us praise the risen Lord.

*Jesus is risen and brings new life to the world.
Let us pray together for the needs of everyone this Easter time.*

*For the Church throughout the world,
that Christians may share the joy and hope of Easter with others.
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.*

*For peace in our world,
especially in places where there is war, hunger, or sadness,
that the risen Jesus may bring hope and healing.
Lord, in your mercy.*

Hear our prayer.

*For leaders of countries,
that they may work for justice, kindness, and peace for all people.
Lord, in your mercy.*

Hear our prayer.

**For children and families everywhere,
especially those who are lonely, sick, or poor,
that they may know love and care this Easter.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.****

**For our school and parish community,
that we may live as people of the Resurrection
by showing love, forgiveness, and friendship.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.****

**For the earth God has given us,
that we may protect creation
and be thankful for the beauty of new life in springtime.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.****

Let us pray.
Lord Jesus,
We thank you that on the first Easter day
you conquered death
and rose to life again.
We thank you that you are not only a memory,
but that you are alive and with us always.
Thank you for showing us such love.
Amen. **Amen.**

Let us pray for a moment in the silence of our hearts.

We especially remember _____

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

*Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.
May Almighty God bless us during this solemn Feast of Easter.
May he protect us from all sin. Amen. Amen.*

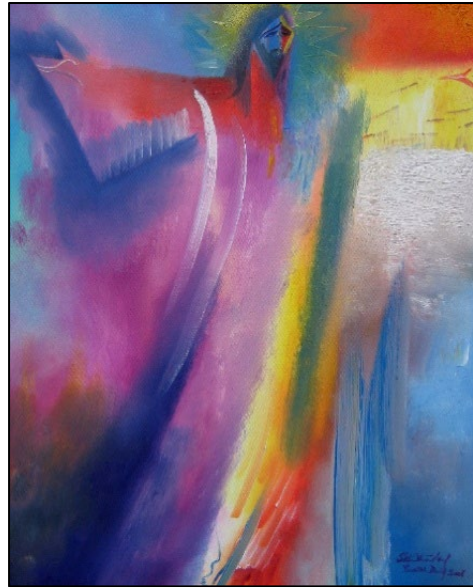
**Through the resurrection of his Son,
God has granted us healing.
May he fulfil his promises
and bless us with eternal life. Amen. Amen.**

We have mourned Jesus' sufferings,
and now we are celebrating the joy of the resurrection.
May we always enjoy such happiness. Amen. Amen.

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

2. EASTER

God is King of all the earth.



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...

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

O my God I give to you...

This week we continue to celebrate Easter.
Jesus died and rose from the dead
so that we could live for ever with him in heaven.
This is a reading from the New Testament,
in a book called 'The Acts of the Apostles'.
It explains what happened to Jesus,
and explains that we will not be alone
because God will leave us gifts
through his Holy Spirit.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority
was clearly proven to you
by all the miracles and wonders
which God performed through him.
You yourselves know this,
for it happened here among you.
In accordance with his own plan
God had already decided that Jesus
would be handed over to you;
and you killed him by letting sinful men crucify him.*

*But God raised him from death,
setting him free from its power,
because it was impossible
that death should hold him prisoner.*

*God has raised this very Jesus from death,
and we are all witnesses to this fact.
He has been raised to the right side of God, his Father,
and has received from him the Holy Spirit,
as he had promised.
What you now see and hear is his gift
that he has poured out on us.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The response is God is King of all the earth.

God is king of all the earth.

Clap your hands and shout for joy.

God is king of all the earth.

Play the trumpet loud and clear.

God is king of all the earth.

Sing and praise him everyone.

God is king of all the earth.

Praise him now with all your skill.

God is king of all the earth.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you raised from the dead to save us
and give us the promise of eternal life with you in heaven.
Please listen to our prayers.

For peace in the world.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are lonely.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have no one to pray for them.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our families and friends.

We especially remember _____

*Let us now pray for a moment in the silence of our hearts,
knowing that God always listens to us.*

And we'll say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say: Our Father...
Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.
May Almighty God bless us during this solemn Feast of Easter.
May he protect us from all sin. Amen. Amen.

Through the resurrection of his Son,
God has granted us healing.
May he fulfil His promises
and bless us with eternal life. Amen. Amen.

We have mourned for Jesus' sufferings,
And now we are celebrating the joy of the resurrection.
May we always enjoy such happiness. 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. OUR LADY

Chosen by God.



Good morning everyone.
In this month of May, we think especially about Mary.
It is her special month.
Let's begin our liturgy this morning by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father...

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

*God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus,
because he knew that she was a very special person.
We think so too.
She is someone we can turn to and tell her things.
She always listens to what we have to say;
our good news and bad.
Let's listen to a gospel story telling us how Mary heard the news
that she was to be a very special mother.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St 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,
who was a descendant of King David.
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 by the angel's message,
and she wondered what his words meant.
The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary;
God has been gracious to you.'**

**You will become pregnant
and give birth to a son,
and you will name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called
the Son of the Most High God.
The Lord God will make him a king,
as his ancestor David was,
and he will be the king
of the descendants of Jacob forever;
his kingdom will never end!**

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 most pure.	Pray for us.
Mother of our Creator.	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.**

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

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

And now let's spend a moment in the quiet of our hearts, talking to God.

we especially remember _____

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.**

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

Amen.

4. MARY

A wonderful lady.



Good morning everyone,
In this month of May, we think especially about Mary.
It is her special month.
Let's begin our liturgy this morning by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father...

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

Mary was a wonderful lady.
God chose her to be the mother of Jesus
because he knew that of all the people
that there would ever be on earth,
she was the best, the most loving, the most caring.

*And he knew that she would never do anything wrong.
He thought that she was so special that he didn't let her die,
but took her straight to heaven.
In many different ways,
Mary has shown us how we can try to live good lives.
When almost everyone else had run away,
Mary stood by the cross, near her son.
She didn't let him down.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John.

**Standing close to Jesus' cross,
were his mother, his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there;
so he said to his mother, 'He is your son.'
Then he said to the disciple, 'She is your mother.'
From that time, the disciple took her to live in his home.**

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

Mary is the mother of Jesus,
and Jesus gave her to all of us as our heavenly mother too.
When we pray to Mary, we are not worshipping her —
we are asking her to help us grow closer to Jesus.

*Mary loves us like a gentle mother.
She listens when we are happy, sad, scared, or thankful.
Just as you might ask someone special to pray for you,
we can ask Mary to pray for us too.*

**When we say the Hail Mary,
we remember how special Mary was
because she trusted God completely.
She said ‘yes’ to God, even when she was unsure or afraid.
Mary teaches us to trust God, be kind, help others,
and love Jesus with all our hearts.**

God of all tenderness,
your mother Mary has shown us how to pray.
Help us to be like her, and help us to remember
that we can speak to you at any time, about happy things and sad things,
for you are always there for us.

The response is: Watch over us. **Watch over us.**

Queen of angels.	Watch over us.
Queen of saints.	Watch over us.
Queen of Heaven.	Watch over us.
Mother of the poor.	Watch over us.
Mother of the homeless.	Watch over us.
Mother of the lonely.	Watch over us.
Mother of the hungry.	Watch over us.

*We pray for the sick, especially for those people in hospital.
Lord watch over them with your loving care. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*We pray for peace around the world.
That the leaders of countries learn to solve their problems by talking and not by fighting.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*For our families and friends.
Grant us good health, happiness and a desire to have you in our lives.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Let us say Mary's special prayer.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

And let's pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

May God watch over us as we begin our school week.

Amen. Amen.

May he fill us with love and kindness.

Amen. Amen.

May he fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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.

5. THE ASCENSION.



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 all that we're going to do today 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 Ascension of the Lord.
This is when Jesus went back to heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke.

*A while after His resurrection,
Jesus met up with some of His disciples.
They were surprised to see Him
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
But He said to them,
'Look at my hands and my feet.
Feel me. As you can see, I'm real.
A ghost doesn't have flesh and bones!'
They were still amazed but full of joy and wonder.
Then Jesus said,
'I want you to go out to the whole world,
and tell everyone the good news
about the Kingdom of Heaven.'
Then he went out of the city with them,
to a place called Bethany.
He raised His hands and blessed them,
And as he was blessing them,
He left them and was taken up into Heaven.*

*The disciples went back to Jerusalem filled with great joy
and began to make plans to tell
everyone about the Kingdom of Heaven.*

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

**Let us pray
Almighty God,
fill our hearts with joy and thanks,
at the return of Jesus into heaven.
As members of the family of the church,
help us to show by our actions that the Kingdom
is also on earth, just as he wanted.
We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord.
Amen. **Amen.****

We now offer our prayers to God Our loving Father.

The response is: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord.
Send forth your Spirit O Lord.

We pray for happiness at home and school.
Send forth your Spirit O Lord.

We pray for strength and courage to do the right thing when it is hard.
Send forth your Spirit O Lord.

We pray for a spirit of kindness and generosity.
Send forth your Spirit O Lord.

We pray for peace in everyone's hearts.
Send forth your Spirit O Lord.

Let's offer to those near us a Sign of Peace.

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

Now we pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

**Father,
We sometimes care about ourselves
More than we care about others.**

**We have worries and problems
that fill up our minds.**

**Help us Lord to remember those
who may need our help and love;
our families, friends and people
we meet every day.**

**Teach us to be more giving
and to care for everyone as you do.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. Amen.**

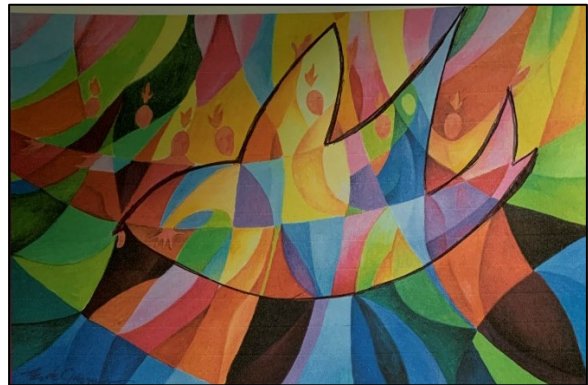
Let's bow our heads for God's blessing.
May Almighty God bless us as we remember the day
when Jesus returned to heaven to prepare a place for us.
Amen. Amen.

After his resurrection, Jesus was seen by his disciples.
When we see him, may we be as happy
as they were. Amen. Amen.

We believe that Jesus is now in heaven.
May we be happy in knowing that one day we will be with him. Amen. Amen.

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

6. PENTECOST.



Good morning everyone.
As we enter a new school week,
Let's begin our prayers together by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And now let's say the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*At this time of the Church's year,
we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit.
It is called Pentecost.*

*The Holy Spirit is God's loving presence with us every day,
given to us when we were baptised,
and strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Even though we cannot see the Holy Spirit with our eyes,
we can feel the Spirit working in our hearts -
helping us to be brave, kind, loving, forgiving, and faithful.
Before he went back to Heaven,
Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit to help his followers.*

Here is that account from the New Testament.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Then Jesus came and stood among them.
'Peace be with you,' he said.
After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples were filled with joy
at seeing the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
As the Father sent me, so I send you.'
Then he breathed on them and said,**

**‘Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven;
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’**

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

Further on in the New Testament,
in the Acts of the Apostles,
we hear how, after Jesus returned to heaven,
the Holy Spirit came to the first Christians.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost came,
all the believers were gathered together
in one place.
Suddenly there was a noise from the sky
which sounded like a strong wind blowing,
and it filled the whole house
where they were sitting.
Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire
which spread out and touched each person there.
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to talk in other languages,
as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The response is: Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.
Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.

Give us peace in our hearts.
Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.

Give us the courage to say the right things, even when it's hard.
Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.

Help us to show kindness to others.
Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.

And to build your kingdom on earth, by our words and actions.
Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
instructed the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. Amen.**

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

And let's pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

Let us pray that the Spirit will work in our lives to bring Christ to the world.

God Our Father,
Let the Spirit you sent on your church
continue to work in the world –
through the hearts of everyone who believe in you.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen. Amen.

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

7. THE HOLY TRINITY.



Good morning everyone.
As we enter a new school week,
Let's begin our prayers together by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And now let's say the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

At this time of the church's year,
we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity.
That is, God is three persons in one.
The Father made the world and loves us as his children.
Jesus the Son was born in Bethlehem
and showed us how to live good lives and follow God.
The Holy Spirit is given to those who believe in God's Word.
It guides, directs and inspires all believers.
Even though the Trinity is hard to understand,
our faith helps us to believe.

God the Father, you are our way.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Jesus the Son, you are our truth.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you are our life.
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 know that St Patrick used the shamrock
to teach the people of Ireland about the Trinity.
He told them that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
are three parts of One God.
Lots of our prayers are to the Trinity,
like the Sign of the Cross and the Glory Be.
St Matthew tells how Jesus asked his disciples
to pray using the Trinity.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee
where Jesus had told them to go.
When they saw him,
they worshipped him,
even though some of them doubted.
Jesus drew near and said to them,
'I have been given all authority
in heaven and on earth.
Go, then, to all peoples everywhere
and make them my disciples:
baptise them in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to obey everything
I have commanded you.
And I will be with you always,
to the end of the age.'**

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

The response is: Jesus look after them.

Jesus look after them.

We pray for all those people who are sad.
We pray for our families and friends.
We pray for those people who are ill in hospital.
We pray for people who are missing.
We pray for someone who has died.

Jesus look after them.
Jesus look after them.
Jesus look after them.
Jesus look after them.
Jesus look after them.

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

And let's pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

**Almighty God,
We believe that you are a Trinity of three persons,
yet one everlasting God.
Help us to deepen our faith in you,
that we may become more like you.
May our faith bring us happiness and joy,
and may we be good Christians,
inspiring those around us and leading them to you.
We ask this through Jesus your Son and the Holy Spirit,
Who are the Trinity,
God for ever and ever.
Amen. Amen.**

**And at the beginning of our school week, may Almighty God bless us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

8. THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI.



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 all that we're going to do today
by saying the Morning Offering.

O my God I give to you...

*At this time of the year,
we celebrate a very special Feast.
It's sometimes called by its Latin name
which is Corpus Christi,
It is called the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.
Although Jesus went back to heaven
after he rose from the dead,
he left us with something very special,
so that he is always with us.
We call it the Eucharist.
He told his friends about it at the Last Supper.
Here is how it happened.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Mark

**On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread,
the day the lambs for the Passover meal were killed,
Jesus' disciples asked him,
'Where do you want us to go
and get the Passover meal ready for you?'**

**Then Jesus sent two of them
with these instructions:
'Go into the city,
and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.**

**Follow him to the house he enters,
and say to the owner of the house:**

**The Teacher says,
Where is the room where my disciples and I
will eat the Passover meal?
Then he will show you a large upstairs room,
fixed up and furnished,
where you will get everything ready for us.'**

While they were eating,
Jesus took a piece of bread,
gave a prayer of thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples.
'Take it,' he said, 'this is my body.'
Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God,
and handed it to them;
and they all drank from it.
Jesus said, 'This is my blood,
which is poured out for many,
my blood which seals God's covenant.
I tell you, I will never again drink this wine
until the day I drink the new wine
in the Kingdom of God.'

Then they sang a hymn
and went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

When we go to Mass,
we are celebrating the fact that Jesus died for us.
And we believe that during the Mass,
the bread and wine become
the body and blood of Jesus.
That means that Jesus is really and truly
present with us.
It's sometimes difficult to remember and understand
that Jesus is really with us,
but our faith helps us to believe it.

Our prayer is from Psalm 34

The response is: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness. Let us praise his name together.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Honour the Lord, all his people. Those who obey him have all they need.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Even lions go hungry for lack of food. But those who obey the Lord lack nothing good.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Turn away from evil and do good. Strive for peace with all your heart.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Let's now pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

Let us pray.

Lord our God.

We thank you for your gift of the Eucharist.

**Help us to realise that you are really with us
in the form of bread and wine when we are at Mass,
and that you are always with us in our hearts.**

**The more we receive you in the Eucharist,
the more we will become like you.**

**Help us to use your gifts of love and peace
in a good way as you wanted us to,
so that we will be able to live for ever with you
in the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**We ask this through Jesus your Son
who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen. Amen.**

We pray for other people.
For our families and friends.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our friends at school and at home.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our teachers and all those who help us to learn.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those people who are lonely.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
For those people who are sick and in hospital.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*Let's spend a moment in silence making our own prayers
to our ever-loving Father in Heaven.
We especially remember _____*

Let's now say the prayer that Jesus taught us to say:
Our Father who art in Heaven.....

Lord Jesus Christ.
You give us your body and blood in the Eucharist,
as a sign that we share your life.
May you always bless us with every good gift.
Amen. **Amen.**

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

9. THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.



Good morning everyone.
As we enter a new school week,
Let's begin our prayers together by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And now let's say the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

Today we are remembering a special Feast day called the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*Thinking about the Sacred Heart of Jesus
reminds us that he loves every single one of us,
very much.
In order to show us how much,
Jesus died on the cross for us
and that's really special!*

A reading from the first Letter of St John.

**Dear Friends,
let us love one another,
because love comes from God.
Whoever loves is a child of God
and knows God.
Whoever does not love,
does not know God,
for God is love.
And God showed his love for us by sending
his only Son into the world,
so that we might have life through him.**

**This is what love is:
It is not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.**

**Dear Friends,
if this is how God loved us,
then we should love one another.
No one has ever seen God,
but if we love one another,
God lives in union with us,
and his love is made perfect in us.**

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The response is: O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.
O sacred heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.

When life seems difficult sometimes.	O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.
When it's hard to do the right thing.	O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.
When we feel sad or lonely.	O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.
When we need to be brave.	O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.
When it's hard to be a Christian.	O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you.

*Let us pray,
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we love you so much,
We give you our hearts.
Help us to love you more.
Help us to love those around us as children of God.
Help us to love people we don't like.
Help us to love people we don't know.
Help us to love everyone we meet.
Be with us in our hearts.*

We now think about people who need our prayers.

**For our families and friends.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

**For our friends at school and at home.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

For our teachers and all those who help us to learn.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For those people who are lonely.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For those people who are sick and in hospital.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Let us say our own prayers 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...

May God bless us as we begin a new week at school.

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

10. SAINTS PETER and PAUL.



Good morning everyone.
As we enter a new school week,
Let's begin our prayers together by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And now let's say the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*On June 29th we celebrate the Feast of two very special saints: St Peter and St Paul.
They were both alive at the time of Jesus.
Peter was one of Jesus' best friends and he eventually became the first Pope.
Paul never actually met Jesus.
At first, he hated Jesus - but when he realised how special Jesus was,
he began to travel to lots of countries
telling everybody about the Kingdom of God.*

Here are their stories:

St Peter -

**Simon was a fine fisherman when Jesus called him to be an apostle.
'I will make you a fisher of people,' he said.
Our Lord made him his special friend
and explained everything that was important to him.
Jesus changed his name to Peter which means 'the rock.'
Jesus made him the head of the church
and Peter was the first Pope.
Eventually he was arrested for being a Christian
And the guards told him that he would be crucified just like Jesus was.
But to their surprise, Peter said,
'Thank you, that would be a great honour to die like Jesus.'
It wasn't the reaction they were expecting
and he asked to be crucified him upside down
because he did not feel worthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus.**

Dear St Peter,
You were very brave to die for being a follower of Jesus.
We will never have to do anything like that,
but please help us to be brave
when being a Christian seems difficult.
Amen. **Amen.**

*St Paul -
At first his name was Saul,
and he hated Christians.
He was responsible for arresting and punishing them.
But the voice of God spoke to him,
and he became very sorry.
He changed his name to Paul
and spent all his time travelling to different countries
to tell people about Jesus.
He was put in prison for being a Christian,
and so he wrote people letters to tell them everything.
These letters are part of the New Testament.*

*Dear St Paul,
at first, you hated Jesus,
and then you became one of his most loyal followers.
Help us to be good followers too.
Amen. **Amen.***

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

We pray for the needs of the world.
For Pope Leo and Fr _____
Guide them and inspire them.
Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For peace in those countries where grown-ups are fighting.
For peace in our own hearts, our school and our home.
Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For the strength to be good Christians.
May we follow the example of Saints Peter and Paul,
And be good examples for others.
Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And let's pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

The Lord has made us members of the church that he asked Peter to start.
May he bless us with a faith that never falters.
Amen. **Amen.**

*The Lord has given us knowledge of our faith through the teachings of St Paul.
May his example inspire us to lead others to Christ.*
Amen. **Amen.**

**May the keys of Peter and the words of Paul lead us to live a good life
for ever with our Father in heaven.**
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.

11. WE ARE LUCKY.



Good morning everyone.
As we enter a new school week,
Let's begin our prayers together by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

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

Lord you are maker of everything that lives and breathes.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ you are King of all creation.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy

Lord, you have made each one of us very special.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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

Today we are saying thank you to God
for all the gifts of life that he has given to us;
health, loving families, and friends and the gift of love.

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

**The peace that Christ gives
is to guide you in the decisions you make;
for it is to this peace that God has called you
together in the one body.
And be thankful.
Christ's message in all its richness
must live in your hearts.**

**Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom.
Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs;
sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts.
Everything you do or say, then,
should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
as you give thanks through him to God the Father.**

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

We are very lucky -
when we are fit and healthy.
when we can run and
play games.
Some children can't, but Jesus loves them very much.

The response is: Jesus look after them.

Jesus look after them.

Jesus we pray for all the sick children in the world.

Jesus look after them.

Free them from all harm.

Jesus look after them.

Help them in their suffering.

Jesus look after them.

Give them courage.

Jesus look after them.

Give them strength.

Jesus look after them.

Give them comfort.

Jesus look after them.

Give them hope.

Jesus look after them.

Give them happiness.

Jesus look after them.

**Let us remember how lucky we are,
and say our own prayer of thanks
for a moment in silence.**

We especially remember _____

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

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for all the wonderful things you have given us.

Thank you for our families and friends,
for our homes, our food and our clothes,
for our teachers and the people who care for us,
and for all the fun, laughter and happy times we share.

Thank you for the beautiful world you have created —
for the sunshine, the trees, the animals, the sea and the sky.

Sometimes we forget how lucky we are.
Help us to notice the good things in our lives
and to remember that everything is a gift.

Help us not to take what we have for granted,
but to be grateful and to share what we have with others
who may not be as fortunate as we are.

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

*May the Lord be with us to protect us. Amen. **Amen.***
*May he guide us and give us strength. Amen. **Amen.***
*May he watch over us and give us peace. 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.

12. THANK YOU.



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 all that we're going to do today
by saying the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

*We are going to think about all the clever things that we can do.
In other words, the talents that God has given to us.*

Here are some of the things that you might be good at.
Drawing,
Writing a story,
Acting in a play,
Playing a musical instrument,
Playing football,
Running,
Being a good friend,
Being a good listener.
Being helpful to people.

**God has given us all some very special gifts,
and sometimes we have to spend time
finding out what they are.
St Paul says that there are a lot of things
that we should do,
but one is more important than all the others
and that is we must say 'Thank you' to God
for all that he has given us.**

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We beg you, our friends,
to pay proper respect
to those who work among you,
who guide
and instruct you in the Christian life.
Treat them with the greatest respect and love
because of the work they do.
Be at peace among yourselves.

We urge you, our friends, to warn the idle,
encourage the timid, help the weak,
be patient with everyone.
See that no one pays back wrong for wrong,
but at all times
make it your aim to do good
to one another and to all people.

Be joyful always, pray at all times,
be thankful in all circumstances.
This is what God wants from you
in your life in union with Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The response is: Thank you Father, you are good to us.

Thank you Father, you are good to us.

You made the skies, the stars and the planets for us for you are wise.

Thank you Father, you are good to us.

You made the earth, the oceans and the land for us for you are kind.

Thank you Father, you are good to us.

You gave us gifts that make each of us different and very special.

Thank you Father, you are good to us.

You gave us the gift of being able to love to each other.

Thank you Father, you are good to us.

You have given us loving family and friends.

Thank you Father, you are good to us.

**We thank you, God of all Creation.
For the wonderful things that you have created.
Help us to find out what our gifts are.
Help us to realise how lucky we are.
Help us to use our gifts in good ways.
Help us to find joy in what we do.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Amen.**

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

And let's pray for a while in the silence of our hearts, especially remembering

May God who gives us all special gifts,
bless us as we try to use them well.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

13. GOD LOVES US.



Good morning everyone.
As we enter a new school week,
Let's begin our prayers together by making the sign of the cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son...

And now let's say the Morning Offering.
O my God I give to you...

God loves us very much.

Really?

Yes!

I wonder how much?

More than I like my favourite football player or pop star?

Oh yes, much more than that.

More than you can ever imagine.

But what about people who do things that are wrong?

Well! He loves them as well. It's hard for us to imagine,
but he loves everyone the same, whatever they do.

*Listen to this passage from a letter written by St John.
It is all about God's love.*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*See how much the Father has loved us!
His love is so great that we are called God's children—
and so, in fact, we are.
This is why the world does not know us:
it has not known God.
My dear friends, we are now God's children,
but it is not yet clear what we shall become.*

*But we know that when Christ appears,
we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he really is.*

*Everyone who has this hope in Christ
keeps themselves pure,
just as Christ is pure.*

*The message you heard from the very beginning is this:
we must love one another.
This is how we know what love is:
Christ gave his life for us.
We too, then, ought to give our lives for others!
My children, our love should not be just words and talk;
it must be true love,
which shows itself in action.*

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

This prayer is based on Psalm 23

**The response is: Lord I am safe with you.
Lord I am safe with you.**

**He gives me strength.
and he guides me in the right paths,
as he has promised.
Lord I am safe with you.**

**Even if I am scared and worried,
I will not be afraid, Lord
for you are with me.
Lord I am safe with you.**

**I know that your goodness and love
will be with me all my life;
your house will be my home as long as I live.
Lord I am safe with you.**

**Lord, we are happy
and we are safe with you.
Lord I am safe with you.**

Let us pray.
Help us to love others as much as you love us.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
Help us to work hard this week
and even when it is not easy. **Hear our prayer.**

Help us to remember that you are always with us, watching over us.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all the children and teachers this week as we all try to do our best.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of quiet, let's say our own prayers to God.

We especially remember _____

Let us ask Mary the Mother of God to watch over us this week.
Hail Mary, full of grace.....

**Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of this school year
now nearly at the end.
For the lessons learned,
the friendships formed,
and the challenges overcome, we are grateful.
Bless our teachers and staff
who shared their wisdom
with patience and love.**

Watch over us all as we rest, and grow,
and continue to discover our gifts and talents.
Help us carry forward the values of
faith, kindness, and service that we have learned here.
Keep us all safe during the holidays.
And may we always keep you at the centre of our lives,
remembering you are always with us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Lord,
Bless and strengthen us all.
May we always follow you and love you,
Rejoicing that you love us too.*

And may we all be blessed,
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.