



Prayers

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Decade of the Rosary

1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be

Joey Rosary

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be



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Let's Pray



A Prayer Book for
Catholic Primary School
Parent Communities

1. Opening Prayer

Father,
we gather before you to pray for the intentions of our school community.
We praise you and we thank you for the many blessings we and our children have received through their attendance here.
We ask you to protect and bless each one. Amen.

2. Special Intentions

[Read any intentions from the prayer request book/box and invite any other intentions from those present.](#)

3. For the Staff

Father, you have blessed us with wonderful teachers and support staff. We thank you for their dedication and the care with which they teach and nurture our children. We ask you Lord, to strengthen them in their faith, nourish them with your love and grace, and empower them for the important work they have undertaken.

Jesus, may they know how significant they are in the life of each child,
and never doubt your presence in every aspect of their interaction.

Lord, send down your Spirit that we, as parents and friends, may be a source of affirmation and encouragement to the teachers and support staff, revealing to them the goodness that you have planted in them. Amen.

[Rosary \(or Joey Rosary\) for the staff.](#)

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4. For the Students

Father, we know these children delight you! They are a joy to you and to us.
We thank you for blessing us with children and pray that we will never lose sight of the gift that they are.

Father, we lift up to you in prayer, every child associated with this school.
May each and every one find our school a place of acceptance and love.
May they be nourished and developed in their faith and life skills.
Guide them in their developing sexuality.
May they learn to honour their bodies as your dwelling place.

We pray for those children who carry wounds from their experience here:
from being bullied, left out, humiliated or embarrassed, who feel a failure or simply not good enough.
Jesus, stretch out your hand and heal their pain.
Embrace them with your love as you did the children in the gospel stories.
Reassure them of your acceptance and be a steady refuge for them in times of distress.

Holy Spirit, send down your spirit of joy and peace upon these children.
Protect them from those who would harm them for their own advantage.
Empower us, to provide for them, an environment that celebrates them and their giftedness.
Amen.

[Rosary \(or Joey Rosary\) for the students.](#)

5. For Families

Father, we pray for the families of our school.
Father, strengthen our families against the influences of the anti-life values of our society and teach us to embrace all that is good and holy so that we can be effective educators of our children.

For families challenged by the break down of love and communication between the parents; we ask you Jesus, to be a source of healing and forgiveness.
Should there be any hope of restoring the marriage relationship,
we pray for a spirit of humility and an openness to reconciliation.

For families dealing with sickness, physical hardship,
poverty, separation, substance abuse or addiction; Jesus, we plead with you to comfort and console them with your presence.
Give them courage in the face of difficulties and wisdom to respond in love.

For fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers and all father figures;
may they be a source of masculine affirmation and an example of virtue to the children in their lives.
We appeal to St Joseph, father of Jesus, to intercede on our behalf.

For mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all mother figures;
may they be a source of nurturing feminine love to the children in their lives.
We call on our Mother Mary, to intercede for us.

For all married couples associated with our school; we pray for a passionate and generous other-centredness among them all.
May they be a source of life-giving love for all our children and may they never lose sight of their importance in your plan for the world.

Spirit of God,
send forth your hope and love to bolster the family life of our school community.
Protect and nourish each family unit and bring them to unity and joy.
Amen.

[Rosary \(or Joey Rosary\) for families.](#)

6. Spontaneous Prayers

[Those present are invited to offer their own prayers.](#)

7. Closing Prayer

Father God,
You bless us in so many ways.
Give us grateful hearts,
that we may always see your goodness in our lives and give you thanks for it.

Jesus, Lord and saviour,
You are our way, our truth and our life.
Bring us to deeper awareness of your sacrifice and empower us to live as faithful Christians.

Holy Spirit of love,
we thank you for the fellowship we have found here.
Be our teacher and companion as we bring your love to others in our school community.

With all the saints, most especially, [Patron/s of the school],
we praise you Lord,
and thank you for hearing our prayers.

Amen.



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