



SELECTION OF PRAYERS TO BE USED ON EDUCATION SUNDAY

These prayers have been provided by the Catholic Education Service but may be adapted and used in other churches.

BIDDING PRAYERS

Celebrant: God hears the prayers of the poor and humble. Confident in his infinite love for us all, let us pray:

Reader: For the Pope's intentions: may all Christians become more aware of their mission to evangelise, by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For the world: may all Christians work for a society where each person's talents may contribute to the common good and where the human person is placed at the centre.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For all teachers and everyone working in schools: may they be led by the example of Christ the teacher, to grow in love, patience, forgiveness and understanding as they help young people grow.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For the start of this academic year in schools, colleges, nurseries and universities: may all students be supported and encouraged in their faith and education through this important time in their lives.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For all students: may they grow in their love and understanding of learning, and learn to nurture all the talents the Lord has given them to the best of their ability.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For all parents and family: may the Holy Spirit guide them as they continue in their important task of nurturing a love of Christ in their children.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who do not have access to school across the world: may they know God's love in their lives, and may the Holy Spirit turn their sorrow into joy as they come to know Christ more closely.

Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

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We offer these prayers and all our petitions to the intercession of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom.

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

We make our own petitions now in silence.

Celebrant: Loving God, who gather us together in love hear these and all our prayers made through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR USE IN SCHOOLS

Prayer of Dedication (Adrian Porter SJ)

Father,

we gather in your presence
in prayer and praise.

We thank you for our health and happiness,
for forgiveness and healing,
for our talents,
and for our friends.

We thank you for the wonderful world you have given us
to explore and to use to your greater glory.

We thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ, your Son,
who died that we might have life and live it to the full.

Send your Spirit to accompany us on our daily journey.

Give us wisdom that we may find you in all things.

Give us understanding that we may learn our lessons well.

Give us compassion that we may show your face to those we meet.

Give us generosity that we may share the gifts you have given us.

Give us faith that we may have confidence in ourselves.

Above all give us love that we may bring joy into the lives of those around us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Dedication of Studies (John Twist SJ)

God, our almighty Father,
to you we dedicate our studies
and the work that we do this year.
Open our minds and our hearts
so that together we may be grateful for our gifts and the gifts of others;
generous to become men and women for others;
attentive and discerning in the events of daily life;
compassionate with the needy;
loving towards others;
faith-filled in our beliefs, with hope in the future;
eloquent and truthful in our speech;
learning to find God in all things;
curious to know;
engaged with the world;
committed to change for the better.
May we use the resources of the earth prudently
and set a prophetic example by our conduct,
so that we may employ our knowledge to benefit others
and create one family of all nations
to the greater glory of God.
May Mary, the mother of your son,
and our mother too,
assist us in all that we do
and make us more like her son,
our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

