

# Richard Challoner School

## Tutor Group Prayers

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#### Venerable Bishop Richard Challoner

During his lifetime and after his death, he was considered not only as a model of every virtue but as a saint. Indeed he was rewarded with the title of “venerable”. We are asked to pray that our Blessed Lord, through the Pope, may reward him further, by raising him to the altars of the Church as a Saint.

#### Prayer for the Beatification of Bishop Richard Challoner

O God who made your servant Richard,  
a true and faithful pastor of your little flock in England,  
raise him, we beseech you, to the altars of thy Church,  
that we, who have been taught by his word and example  
may invoke his name in heaven,  
for the return of our country to belief in the Gospel,  
and to the unity of all Christians in the one Church of Jesus Christ.  
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Bishop Richard Challoner  
Pray for us

## General Prayers for Classroom Worship

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father,  
Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heaven.  
Give us this day,  
Our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation,  
But deliver us from evil

### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among 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

### **Prayer of St Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me sow love,  
Where there is injury let me sow pardon,  
Where there is doubt let me sow faith,  
Where there is despair let me give hope,  
Where there is darkness let me give light,  
And where there is sadness let me give joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may try  
Not to be comforted but to comfort,  
Not to be understood but to understand,  
Not to be loved but to love.  
Because it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven,  
And it is in dying that  
we are born to eternal life.

### **Prayer of St Richard Of Chichester**

Day by day,  
O dear Lord,  
Three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly,  
Day by day  
By day by day.

### **Prayer of St Ignatius**

Teach us good Lord to serve you as you  
deserve:  
To give and not count the cost,  
To fight and not heed the wounds,  
To toil and not seek for rest,  
To labour and to ask for no reward , save that  
of knowing that we do your will,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

## Guidance for use of the Tutor Group Prayer Booklet

Each morning an act of worship should be made. This can be led by yourself or a pupil and can be made up of prayers from this booklet, [www.richardchalloner.com/spirituality](http://www.richardchalloner.com/spirituality), or both.

The following pages contain a selection of prayers suitable for collective worship within the Tutor group during morning registration. The prayers have been organised into different weekly themes:

Week One: Safety of Others

Week Two: Vocations

Week Three: Exams

Week Four: Responsibility to Others

Week Five: Our Place in the Universe

Week Six: Feast of the Ascension

Each morning an act of worship should try and include:

1) Invitation - *to mark the entry into prayer, like standing up and making the Sign of the Cross*

2) Clear Theme & Message

3) Balance of speech & silence - *try to vary the delivery of your theme to ensure that it appeals to as many as possible.*

4) Time for Quiet Reflection - *give time for them to take in and reflect on the theme*

5) Prayer – this should be both led and collective - *there should be a prayer which links in the theme, and an act of communal prayer from the page opposite.*

6) Clear links with Catholic Ethos – *if you are not using one of the themes above then ensure it is inline with the School's Catholic Ethos or the Liturgical Calendar.*

**Prayer to St Augustine of Canterbury:**

God our Father,  
by the preaching of Saint Augustine of  
Canterbury, you led the people of England  
to the Gospel.

May the fruits of his work continue in your  
Church.

Grant that through his intercession,  
may the hearts of those who go astray  
return to the unity of your truth  
and that we may be of one mind in doing  
your will.

Amen.

***Feast Day – 27<sup>th</sup> May***

**Prayer to St Thomas Becket:**

Almighty God,  
You granted the martyr Thomas the  
grace to give his life for the cause of  
justice.

By his prayers make us willing to  
renounce for Christ our life in this world  
so that we may find it in heaven.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever.

Amen.

***Feast Day – 29<sup>th</sup> December***

**Prayer to St Columba of Iona:**

Let me bless almighty God,  
whose power extends over sea and land,  
whose angels watch over all.

Let me study sacred books to calm my  
soul: I pray for peace, kneeling at  
heaven's gates.

Let me do my daily work, gathering  
seaweed, catching fish, giving food to the  
poor. Let me say my daily prayers,  
sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet,  
always thanking God.

Delightful it is to live, on a peaceful isle,  
serving the King of kings.

Amen.

***Feast Day – 9<sup>th</sup> May***

**Prayer to St Dunstan of Canterbury:**

O God of truth and beauty

You gave your Bishop Dunstan the skills  
of music and metal working, and with  
gifts of administration and reforming zeal.

Teach us to see you as the source of all  
our gifts and talents, and help us to offer  
them for praise of worship and the  
spread of the Gospel message.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for  
now and for ever.

Amen.

***Feast Day – 19<sup>th</sup> May***

**Prayer to St John Fisher:**

Good Lord,  
set in thy Church strong and mighty pillars  
that may suffer and endure great labours,  
which also shall not fear persecution,  
neither death,  
but always suffer with a good will,  
slanders, shame and all kinds of torments,  
for the glory and praise of thy holy Name.  
By this manner, good Lord, the truth of thy  
Gospel shall be preached throughout the  
world.

Therefore, merciful Lord, exercise thy  
mercy, show it indeed upon thy Church.

Amen.

***Feast Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> June***

**Prayer to St Thomas More:**

O Lord, give us a mind  
that is humble, quiet, peaceable,  
patient and charitable,  
and a taste of your Holy Spirit  
in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope,  
a fervent charity, a love of you.

Take from us all luke warmness in  
meditation and all dullness in prayer.

Give us fervour and delight in thinking of  
you, your grace, and your tender  
compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for  
the things we pray for.

Amen.

***Feast Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> June***

## Week One: Safety of Others

We pray lord for those on their way to work,  
For the emergency services who will travel at high speed  
on land water or air to bring help to others.  
For those starting a new life as they move house;  
For those travelling to or from prison;  
For those people who go into hospital today;  
For young people on their way to school, college or university;  
For those who are lost on the journey of life;  
For those who will die today and make their final journey;  
On all these people Lord we ask your blessing.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints.  
Christ protect you by the ministry of his angels.  
The spirit make you holy in God's service;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The father, the son and the Holy Spirit  
Be upon you and remain with you always.

(Michael Perham)

We pray for world peace,  
that ways of aggression and violence against fellow humans  
and against God's creation may be renounced,  
and that world leaders may lessen the threat of nuclear destruction.  
We pray especially for our leaders  
and all others who strive to bring peace.

(Adapted from 'Worship in an Indian Context')

Oh God, our heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named: we  
entrust to your loving care the members of our families, both near and far.  
Supply their needs; guide their footsteps; keep them in safety of body and soul; and may your  
peace rest upon our homes and upon our dear ones everywhere. Amen

(Frank Colquhoun)

O God,  
Protect those whom we love when they are separated from us.  
Guide them when they are uncertain,  
Comfort them when they are lonely or afraid,  
And bless them with the warmth of your presence.  
Thank you that neither space nor time  
Can cut us off from the love we have for each other and for you.

(Angela Ashwin)

## Week Two: For Vocations

Grant Lord, that those who you call to enter the priesthood and religious life may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

(St Benedict's Prayer book)

"May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing him, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God".

(From Colossians 1: 9-10)

God our father,  
We pray for those whom you have called to serve your people as priests.  
Every day, may they live in your presence  
and deepen their friendship with Jesus, your Son.  
Fill them with your Spirit, inspire them to be faithful in prayer  
and always place their trust in you.  
May they grow in faith and compassion  
as they celebrate the sacraments of your love,  
bring good news to the poor and heal the broken hearted.  
Inspire them to live in such a way that they are credible witnesses  
of the transforming power of your love,  
as they share the hopes and the joys  
the sorrows and the frustrations  
of those entrusted to their care.  
Give them the gifts they need  
to accompany your people along the path of holiness. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Heavenly Father,  
We pray for those who have gone to other countries with the good news of Jesus:  
When their work is difficult and tiring, make them strong;  
When they are lonely and homesick  
Remind them that you are with them;  
When they are uncertain what to do, guide them.  
Keep them at all times loving you, for Jesus' sake. Amen

(Michael Botting)

Save us Jesus from hurrying away, because we do not wish to help,  
because we do not know how to help,  
because we dare not.  
Inspire us to use our lives serving one another.

(A New Zealand Prayer book)

## Week Three: For Exams

Lord, we need your help.  
We need a calm mind; grant us your peace.  
We need a clear head, grant us your wisdom.  
We need a careful spirit, grant us your patience.  
We need inspiration; grant us your enthusiasm.  
Keep us from all panic  
As we put our trust in your power to help us keep us this day

(Kathleen a. Goodacre)

Lord, guide and help me through these exams,  
so that I may do justice to all that I have learned.  
Help me, and all of us doing exams  
to keep their importance in perspective.

Nick Aiken

Help me Lord to concentrate on what I have learned and not worry about anything else. You who know all things, prompt my memory with the light of understanding that I may make good use of what I have been taught, and not let my knowledge go to waste.

(A Downside Pupil)

Although I have studied well, I cannot always remember what I have learned. Help me to keep calm and not be worried, so that I will remember what I have learned and do my best. Then, if I fail, I need not be ashamed; and if I pass, please help me not to boast but give thanks to you for helping me to use the gifts which you have given. Thank you, God.

(Nancy Martin)

Lord,  
It's started; exam time...why is it always sunny?  
I hate revision. It's rubbish.  
But if I don't do it, where will I be then?  
I'm not sure that I want to go to college  
But if I don't do my best  
I know that I'll be disappointed.  
Which I guess says it all.  
I've just got to get on with it  
The summer holidays aren't that far away,  
So the question is, do I want to spend them  
Feeling gutted that I didn't do my best  
Or proud that I did?  
The answers simple, isn't it, Lord?

(Dave Gatward)

## Week Four: Responsibility to Others

Lord, remind us that along our rights, each of us has duties and responsibilities towards others.

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

We know Lord,  
that throughout our lives each of us will experience problems and difficulties.  
Give us the courage and strength at these times  
and prevent us then from looking only at ourselves.  
Keep our vision wide  
so that even in times of difficulty,  
we may still be of help to others.  
Help us not to be bitter towards people or situations,  
but empower us to take the initiative and break the cycle  
of hatred, bitterness and evil actions.  
Help us to transform the difficulties that come our way  
into opportunities for personal growth  
and service of others. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Christ has no body but yours; no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which must look out Christ's compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless mankind now.

(St Teresa of Avila)

Make us worthy Lord to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through your hands this their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Loving Lord,  
We often see on the TV news examples of inhumanity to others – people being tortured, abused, injured or killed.  
I need to remind myself that the commandment “do not kill” also refers to my attitude and what I do each day,  
because it is in smaller ways that I destroy people if I ignore them or cut them off.  
Loving Lord inspire me to care of the smaller things in life  
as well as the bigger issues. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

## Week Five: Our Place in the Universe

The sun is so large that if it were hollow, it could contain more than a million worlds of the size of our earth. There are stars in space so large that they could easily hold 500 million suns the size of ours.

Stop and think for a moment how small we are in the universe.

Yet we can read in the bible that God has written the name of each of us on the palm of his hand.

Lord God, Creator of light, at the rising of the sun each morning let the greatest of all lights, your love, rise like the sun within my heart.

(Armenian Liturgy)

Lord, our God and King,

Your greatness is seen throughout the earth.

When I gaze at the heavens which your fingers have formed,

and look at the moon and the stars which you have set there,

I realise how small we are in the majesty of your creation.

Yet you treasure us above all that you have made,

and you give us control over all the works of your hand –

animals both wild and tame, birds in the air and the creatures of the sea.

Lord God and King, our greatness seen throughout the earth.

(Adapted from Psalm 8)

God our Father,

Amidst the vastness of space you treasure mankind and you call each of us by name.

You so love our world that, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus your Son, to live among us.

Inspire us each day to live in wonder and appreciation of all that is around us.

May your love, seen fully in Jesus, your son, surround us this day and forever.

Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Lord, May we love and respect all of your creation, all the earth and every grain of sand in it.

May we love every leaf, every ray of your light.

May we love every living thing in your world, for we acknowledge that to withhold any measure of love from anything in your universe is to withhold that same measure of love from you.

Amen

(F.Dostoevsky)

God our Father,

open our eyes that we may sense the wonder and the awe in the splendour of all your creation – from the stars that are large and far away

to the people and the tiniest creatures near us each day.

Help us to become more aware of how every living thing is special

and to be treated well. Lead us to respect and value every person

as unique and important, and made in your image and likeness.

We ask this prayer through Jesus, who became a human being

because you love your world so much.

Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

## Week Six: Feast of Ascension

When Jesus ascended into heaven, according to the gospel account, he returned to his father to sit at his right hand in glory until the end of time. But he also promised not to leave us like orphans. He remains with us, more closely now because he is not just physically present in the world any longer: no space or time separates us from him. He is the Lord of all creation, and guides everything to fulfilment in the kingdom of God. In preparation of the feast of the Ascension, we pray for the power of God's Spirit to fill out hearts and minds so that we can do his will and carry on the work of the Gospel.

(Cardinal Basil Hume)

Lord Jesus, who after your resurrection from the dead gloriously ascended into heaven: grant us the help of your loving kindness, that according to your promise your spirit will always be with us here on earth, and we with you in heaven, where with the father and the Holy spirit you live and reign one God for ever and ever.

(Gelasian Sacramentary)

"The Ascension of Christ is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth."

(William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury 1942 – 44)

When Jesus returned to his Father, perhaps his Father said to him:

"Son, what was the worst of all? Was it the nails?

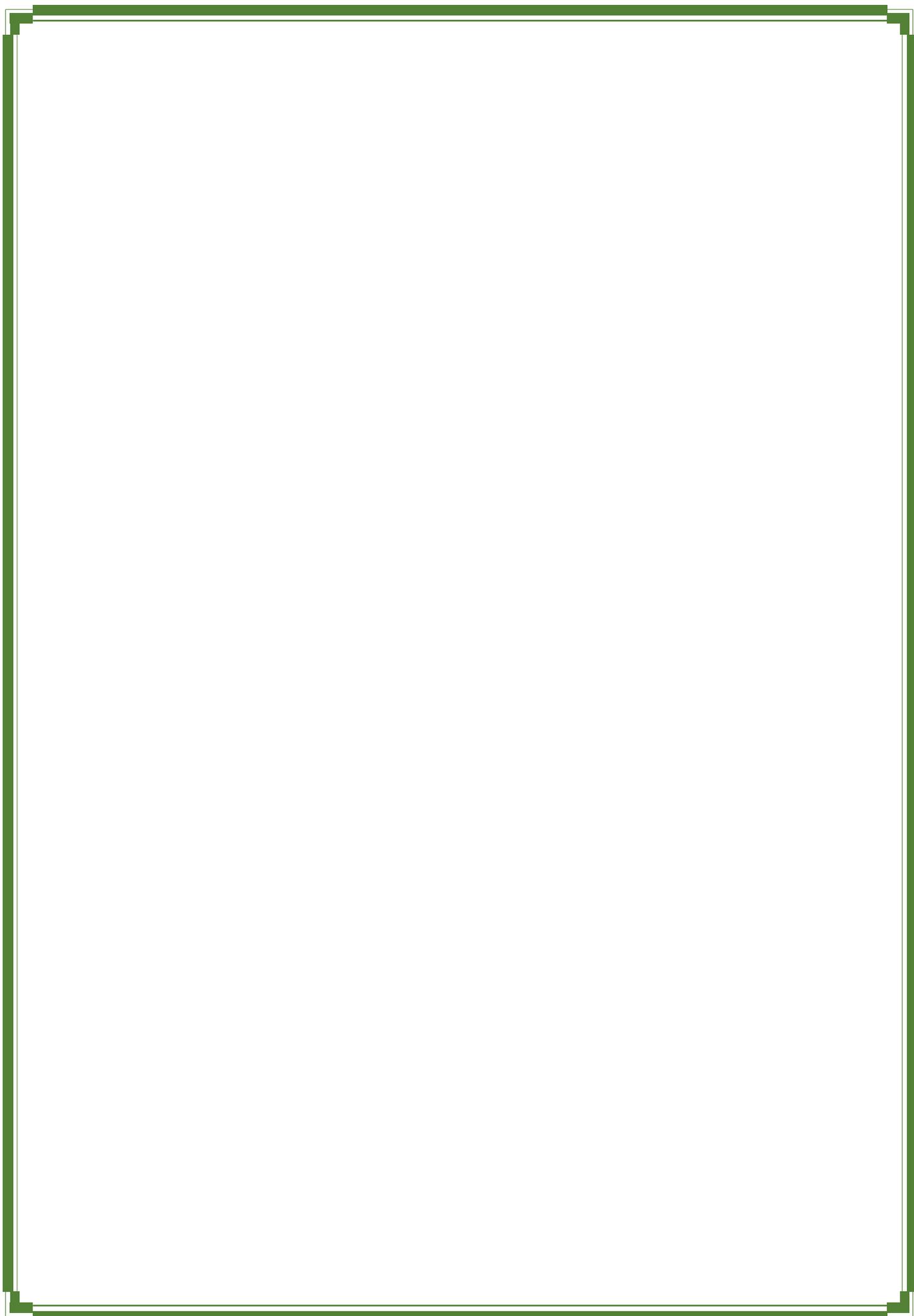
"No Father, the hardest thing wasn't the nails, it was the kiss of betrayal – the kiss from someone I had trusted as a close friend."

Help us Lord, to remain loyal to you  
and to all of our friends through good times and bad times.

(Based on a reflection by G.K.Chesterton)

God our Father,  
to those who love you, everything works out for good,  
because you have chosen us  
to bear the image of Jesus, your Son,  
who not only dies for us, but rose from the dead,  
and now sits on your right hand,  
praying for us as we commemorate this Ascension day.  
And so with you on our side, who can be against us?  
Even if we face hard times or are threatened –  
your love is greater still,  
and nothing can ever separate us from your love.  
Even in difficulties, Father, we can never be failures  
because of the power of your love.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)



CHRIST HAS DIED  
**CHRIST IS RISEN**  
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

