

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, 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: Feast of the Epiphany
- Week Two: Peace in the World
- Week Three: Christian Unity Week
- Week Four: Friendship
- Week Five: Peace
- Week Six: World Day for the Sick

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 – 27th 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 – 29th 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 – 9th 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 – 19th 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 – 22nd 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 – 22nd June

Week One: The Feast of the Epiphany

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen (Author Unknown)

Heavenly Father, we celebrate with the wise men the heavenly light and the discovery of the Light of the World- Jesus the Christ.
God of Light, make us faithful. Give us light, O God, sufficient for each step of the way. Help us to spread the light you have given us. Help us to live with what you give us and to give away what we have in abundance; in Christ's name.

Amen (Author Unknown)

'When King Herod heard about the birth of Jesus he was very upset. So he called the Visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time that the star that they had been following had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with the instructions, 'Go and search for the child and when you find him let me know so that I may go and worship him too'. And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star that they had been following from the East. When they saw it how happy they were! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house and when they saw the child with his mother, Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and presented them to him.
They returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.'

(Adapted from Matthew 2:1 – 12)

The Visitors from the East brought gifts of Gold Frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. Lord, I give thanks for all that is 'gold' in my life: for the people who are precious to me, for the happy memories that I treasure, and for all that has been good over the years. May all that has been 'gold' for me, remind me always to appreciate those who are part of my life. Inspire me Lord, to give in such a way that I help to bring out the best in others.

Amen. (Nicholas Hutchinson)

"Wise men followed Jesus. People who are wise still do."

(Author Unknown)

Week Two: Peace in the World

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen (St Francis of Assisi)

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

(John 15: 9 – 12)

Guide the nations of the world into ways of justice and truth
and establish among them your peace
Lord in your mercy...
As Jesus taught us
we pray for our enemies and those who wish us harm.
May your Holy Spirit guide us all in ways of reconciliation and peace,
obeying the law of Christ.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen (Resources for the Presbyterian Church, USA)

"I pray that the Lord who gives peace will always bless you with peace. May the Lord be with all of you."

(2 Thessalonians 3: 16)

Show us Lord,
the peace that we should seek,
the peace that we must give,
the peace that we can keep,
and the peace that you have given
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen (Caryl Micklem, used by the Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland)

Week Three: Christian Unity Week

Almighty God,
we know you want all Christians to live together in unity.
Help us all in our daily lives to take away all intolerance and suspicion of each other so we can all live together in peace.

Amen (Author Unknown)

Father,
unite all the congregations of the Church
in Jesus your Son, our Lord and Saviour.
May your will be done among us
and your kingdom come soon,
through him who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen (Fr Alex Reid and Gerry Reynolds)

Give thanks for all who break through barriers of difference, even in small ways, by ordinary acts of friendship and welcome.
Hospitable God, give us the wisdom and courage to welcome difference and diversity and to see all people as your beloved children.

Amen (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland)

“Christ is like a single body which has many parts. It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way all of us...have been baptised into one body by the same spirit and we have all been given the one spirit to drink. For the body itself is not made up of one part but of many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not keep it from being part of the body. If an ear were to say, ‘because I am not an eye I don’t belong to the body’, that would not keep it from being part of the body. If the whole body were just an eye how could it hear? If it were only an ear how would it smell? As it is however, God put every part in the body just as he wanted it to be. There would not be a body if it were all only one part! As it is, there are many parts but one body”.

(1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 20)

Lord we pray for the unity of your church.
Help us see ourselves as rays from one sun,
branches of a single tree,
and streams flowing from one river.
May we remain united to you and to each other,
because you are our common source of life;
and may we send out your light
drawing our inspiration and joy from you.

Amen (St Cyprian of Carthage)

Week Four: For Our Friends

Give us a sense of humour Lord,
and also things to laugh about.
Give us the grace to take a joke against ourselves
and to see the funny side of life.
Save us from annoyance, bad temper,
or resentment against our friends.
Help us to laugh even in the face of trouble;
and fill our minds with your love

Amen (Frank Colquhoun)

Teach us to remember that all our lives depend upon the work and kindness of many people, and we pray that we may live thankfully and in unity as members of one family; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen (Timothy Dudley Smith)

May God surround you in every step you take.
Let him walk before you to clear a path for you to walk through life in his love, warmth and grace.
Let him walk behind you to keep your heart open to remember happy times and good friends.
Let him walk above you to always remind you that you are cherished by him and a special gift, as no other.
May there be peace within you, Today and every day of your life

Amen (Rhinda Nelson)

Lord, inspire me each day to live positively and cheerfully,
living in such a way that I express thanks and encouragement to others,
so that together we may bring out the best in each other

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

May there always be work for your hands to do;
may your purse always hold a coin or two;
may the sun always shine on your windowpane;
may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
may the hand of a friend always be near you;
may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Amen (Traditional Irish friendship blessing)

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Week Six: World Day for the Sick

Lord, give all sick children the inner strength to cope with the pressures that their illness brings. Help them to accept the love and care which their families have for them during this difficult time and give them the courage to let their parents know they love them. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen. (Pat O'Donaghue)

O Lord, bless all who are sick.
Help them cope
with the frustration of illness
and the loneliness of pain.
Grant them comfort,
and peace of mind;
courage, and strength,
and restful sleep at night.
O Lord, guide those who care for the sick.
May they bring compassion,
patience, and love to all
who need your healing touch.

Amen (Lyndall Reid)

Lord God, whose son Jesus Christ understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for in hospital; those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love and give hope and patience to those who are recovering.

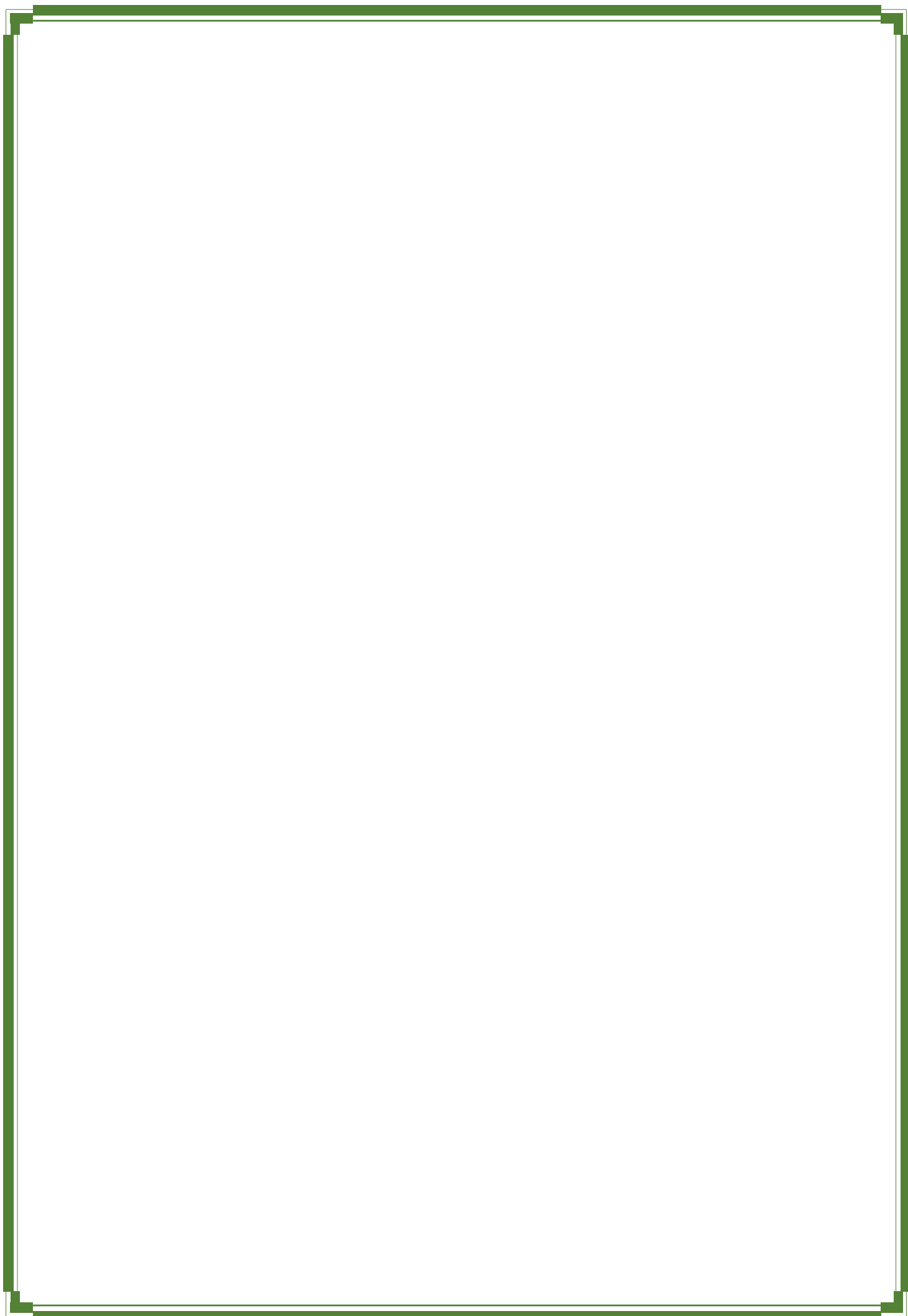
Amen (Christine McMullen)

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake

Amen (St Augustine)

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health,
comfort and relieve your sick servants,
and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever

Amen (from the Episcopal Daily Office)



MAY YOUR COMING YEAR BE FILLED WITH
**MAGIC & DREAMS &
GOOD MADNESS.**

I HOPE **READ** BOOKS
YOU SOME FINE

& KISS SOMEONE
WHO THINKS YOU'RE

WONDERFUL,

AND DON'T FORGET
TO MAKE SOME **ART**

(WRITE OR DRAW OR BUILD OR SING
OR **LIVE** AS ONLY **YOU** CAN)

AND SOMEWHERE IN THE
I HOPE, **NEXT YEAR,**

**YOU SURPRISE
YOURSELF.**

~neil gaiman