

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

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: Our Faith
- Week Two: Difficult Relationships
- Week Three: Praise for Creation
- Week Four: Feast of St Peter and St Paul
- Week Five: Achievements through the Year
- Week Six: End of the School Year

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.*

Augustine House - St Augustine of Canterbury



Feast Day: 27th May

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.

Becket House - St Thomas Becket



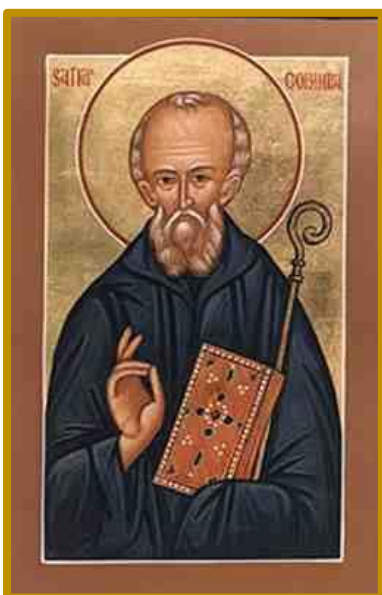
Feast Day: 29th December

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.

Columba House - St Columba of Iona



Feast Day: 9th June

Prayer to St Columba of Iona:

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

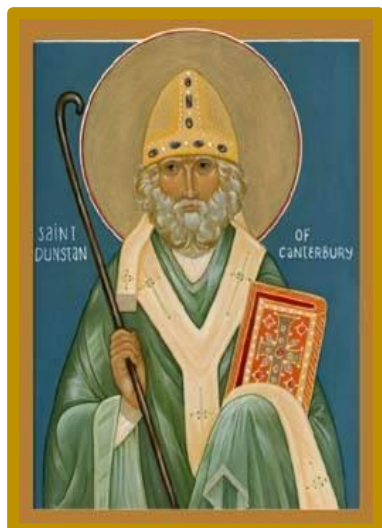
Let me study sacred books to calm my soul: I pray for peace, kneeling at heaven's gates.

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.

Dunstan House – St Dunstan of Canterbury



Feast Day: 19th 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.

Fisher House - St John Fisher



Feast Day: 22nd June

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.

More House - St Thomas More



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.

Week One: Our Faith

Let nothing disturb you,
nothing frighten you;
all things are passing,
God never changes.
Patient endurance
attains to all things;
who God Possesses
in nothing is wanting;
alone God suffices.

(St Teresa of Avila)

Oh God, you are both the light and the guide of those who put their trust in you. Grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what you would have us do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(William Bright)

Lord, I believe in you; help me when I doubt.
I love you, yet not with a perfect heart as I would like;
I trust in you, yet not with my whole mind.
Accept my faith, my love and my trust in your eternal love for me.

Amen (Malcolm Spencer)

“Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus appeared and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and My God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

(John 20: 24 – 29)

Forgive us Lord,
when we want proofs for our faith,
and demand absolute certainty
before we will commit ourselves to you.
strengthen our trust in you,
so that we, who have not seen you,
may still believe;
and in believing may be blessed
with the fullness of joy,
now and always.

(Angela Ashwin, based on John 20: 24 – 29)

Week Two: Difficult Relationships with Others

“As God’s chosen ones show compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you.”

(Adapted from Colossians 3: 12 – 1)

Dear Father in heaven
Let us be peacemakers:
more ready to call people friends than enemies;
more ready to trust than to mistrust;
more ready to love than to hate;
more ready to respect than to despise;
more ready to serve than to be served;
more ready to absorb evil than to pass it on.
Dear Father in heaven;
Let us be more like Christ.

Amen (Mother’s Union Anthology of Public Prayers)

Lord help us to listen to each other,
to be gentle with one another,
to forgive each other,
and to be willing to laugh at ourselves.

(Angela Ashwin)

O God, help me.
Help me to think before I speak. I know that my temper can sometimes upset things at home and with my friends. When I know that I am going to lose my temper, help me to keep quiet for just a moment or two until I get a grip again. Help me to remember that you are listening to every thing that I say and seeing everything that I do.

Amen (William Barclay)

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 resentfulness against our friends.

(Frank Colquhoun)

Week Three: Praise for Creation

For the earth and all its richness;
For rocks, mountains and islands, signs of your power;
For fruits, nuts and berries, signs of your bounty towards us;
For wind, clouds, stars and galaxies, signs of your infinite mystery;
For birds, fish and all animals that walk on land, signs that you trust us not to abuse earth's creature;
For varieties of language and differences in culture, signs of the wealth of gifts that we share;
For similarities between peoples and our dependence on each other, signs that we are made in your image,
We praise you Lord.
Give us generous eyes, thankful hearts and open hands so that we may praise you in all that we do.

(Angela Ashwin)

Eternal Father, God of all creation, source of all life, may we praise you by our words and our works. Grant that we may be worthy of our place in the creation that you have given us. Through Christ our Lord,

Amen (James Tolhurst)

"Ever since God created the world, His everlasting power and deity – however invisible – have been there for mind to see in all of the things that he has made."

(Adapted from Romans 1: 20)

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 of the works of your hand:
animals both wild and tame,
birds in the air and the creatures of the sea.
Lord, our God and our King,
Your greatness is seen throughout the earth.

(Adapted from Psalm 8)

God our Father,
amid the vastness of space
You treasure mankind and you call each of us by name.
You so love our world
that 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,
and may your love,
surround us this day and ever.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

Week Four: Feast of St Peter and St Paul

St Peter and St Paul are linked together in the Roman Catholic Church. Peter, once called Simon, was appointed leader of the apostles by Jesus. But he was often rash and denied Jesus at the passion. Even so, after the resurrection Jesus asked him three times for his love.

Paul was a Jew who at first persecuted the Church, but was converted when travelling to Damascus.

Both are seen as great protectors of the faith of the church. And we can say that the church is founded on them.

St Paul is honoured as patron of public relations and St Peter is patron of fishermen.

(Jude Groden and Chris O'Donnell)

"When Jesus asked whom his disciples thought he was, Peter answered that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus then said to Peter, "Good for you Simon, Son of John! For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my father in heaven. So I tell you Peter: you are a rock and on this foundation I will build my church and not even death will be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". He then said that what Peter bound on earth would be bound in heaven, and what Peter loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven."

(Adapted from Matthew 16: 13 – 19)

'May the Lord who built the church on Peter's faith bless us with a faith that never stumbles. May the keys of St Peter and the words of Paul lead us to our home in heaven.

Amen

(Adapted from the Roman Missal)

God of mercy, we are as Peter;
We lose our nerve
and deny you in times of trial.
Calm our anxiety, heal our cowardice,
take away our shame and make us free.
Amen

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

For those who love God, everything works out for good,
because God has chosen us
to bear the image of Jesus, his Son.
With God on our side,
who can be against us?
Even if we face hard times or are threatened.
God's love is greater still
and nothing can ever separate us from his love.
Through all difficulties
we can never be failures or losers
because of the power of God's love.
Amen.

(Adapted from St Paul's letter to the Romans, 8: 28 – 39)

Week Five: Our Achievements through the Year

Today Lord,
We can celebrate many achievements of humanity as a whole
But never let us forget
that each and every individual needs to be held in respect.
We pray today for those unable to work
And ask you to give success to the work of our hands.
Amen *(Nicholas Hutchinson)*

Lord, I ask that you inspire me
always to do my best,
not comparing myself with others,
but only with myself.
Lead me, Lord,
to discover and use my own talents to the full.
May I live in such a way
that I help others to experience success.
Inspire me to be generous in praising others
for the good of their abilities
not looking so much at the degree of achievements
but at the effort put in.
Amen *(Nicholas Hutchinson)*

God,
Thank you for helping me to progress this year.
I've learnt many new things as the months have passed by.
I've also been part of events that have been achievements not just for me
but for my whole school.
Help me to always try to give my best in all that I do
So that I may never regret not having achieved to the best of my ability.
Amen *(Unknown source)*

Father,
Into your hands I place my successes.
Into your hands I place my failures,
and I pray that through your Spirit,
I may face the challenges of life with courage and determination.
Help me to think anew and think of things more broadly
than in terms of success and failure.
Lead me always to trust
and place myself confidently in your hands.
Amen *(Nicholas Hutchinson)*

Looking back on the months gone by,
As a new year starts and an old one ends,
We contemplate what brought us joy,
And we think of our loved ones and our friends.
Recalling all the happy times,
Remembering how they enriched our lives,
We reflect upon who really counts,
As the fresh and bright new year arrives.
And when I/we ponder those who do,
I immediately think of you.
Amen *(Joanna Fuchs)*

Week Six: End of the School Year

Loving father,
as we come to the end of another school year, we turn to you in confidence and place any difficult relationships into the healing hands of Jesus, your son.
Enable us to leave behind any pain of the past and any regrets or bitterness, entrusting the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.
Help to appreciate more the need to keep a good balance in our lives.
May the holiday be for us a time of rest and recreation to help restore us and recreate us in your image and likeness, as we enjoy more of the love and presence of our families, on whom we ask your blessing.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

God our father,
We give thanks for all those who have enriched our lives over the past year: at home, at school, in church and in our local communities.
We give thanks father for the gifts, talents and skills that you have given to each on of us.
In giving thanks for what has been on the past, we ask your blessing on our present and on our future.
We pray for wisdom in setting priorities and in making our choices that we may live fully and make our part of the world a better place because of the care and compassion that we will bring to it.

Amen (Nicholas Hutchinson)

May God guard us and keep us in safety and comfort,
in health and in strength,
sending us nothing but good.
May God send down so many blessings
that the day is not long enough for them all.

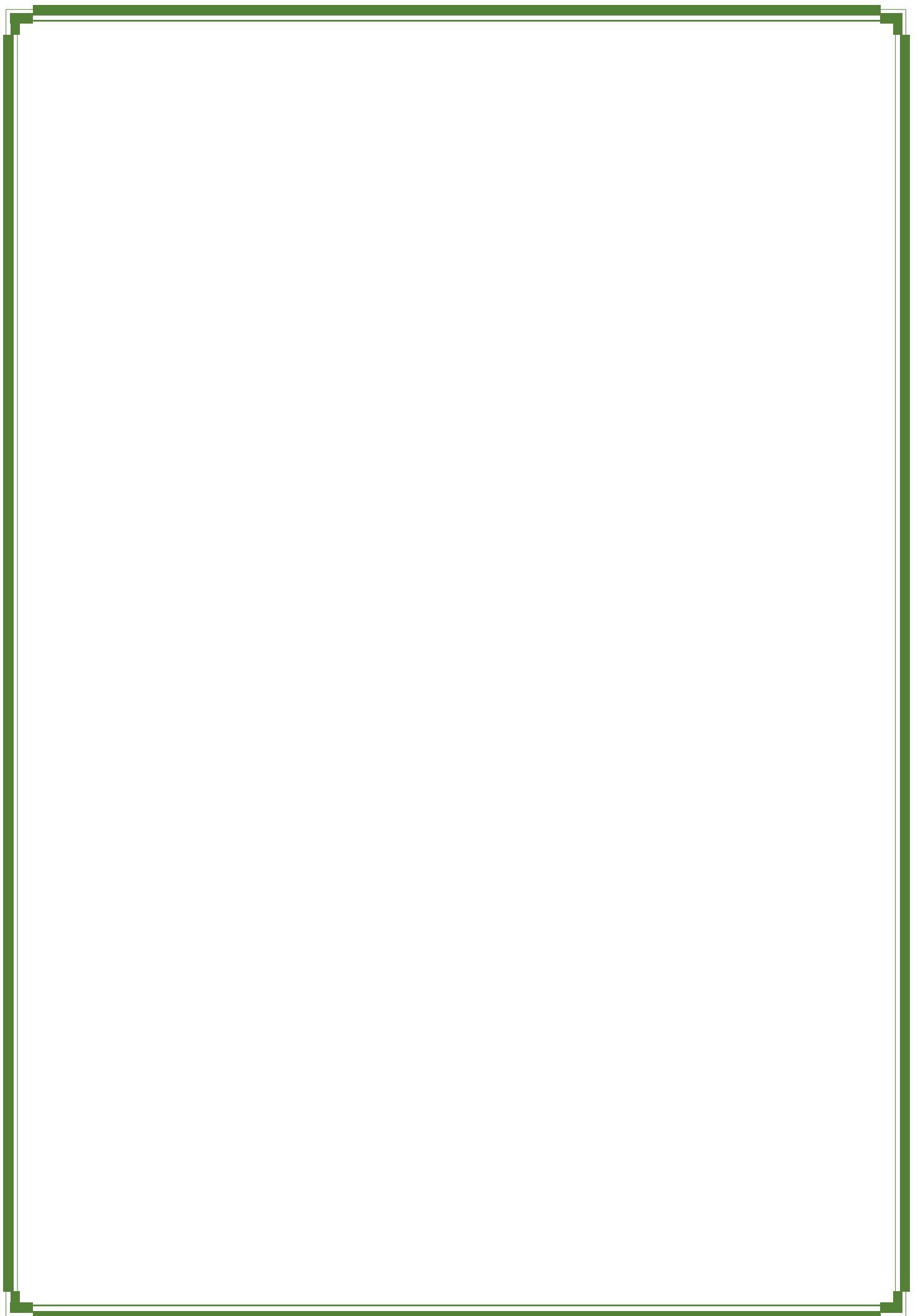
Amen (Adapted from traditional Chinese blessing)

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)

God our father,
we ask for your blessing on us as we look forward to our summer holiday. May we use the holiday to relax after a busy term. Let us enjoy the time that we will be spending with our families and friends outside school. Keep us and those we care about safe from harm, so that we may return rested and refreshed for the new school year in September.

Amen (Angela Ashwin)



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.