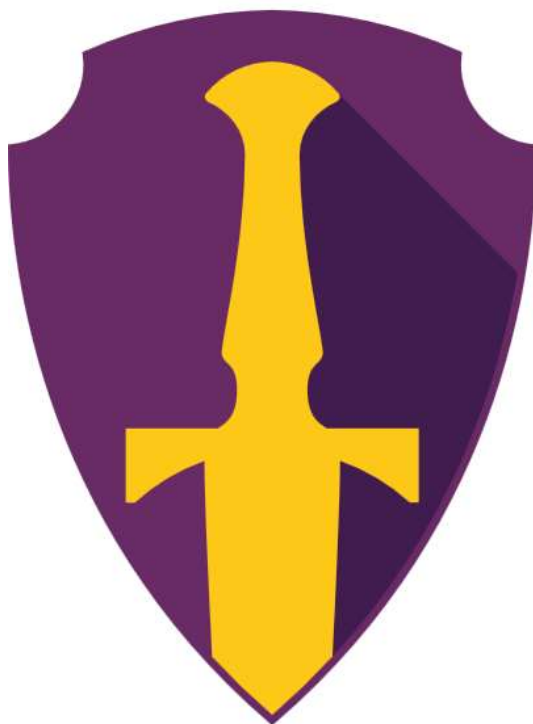


**St Paul's Catholic School**



**PRAYER BOOK**

**Advent Term 2025**



## **GENERAL PRAYERS**

### **SIGN OF THE CROSS**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Hail Mary full of Grace  
The Lord is with you  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus  
Holy Mary mother of God  
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death  
Amen

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. Amen

Glory be to the father,  
To the son  
And to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen

### **A Prayer for Peace**

Bless the leaders of the world today. Give them wisdom and understanding and the courage to say what they think is right. Help them in their decision making, so that this world in which we live can have peace. Amen

### **For Those Who Have Died**

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.  
May he/she rest in peace.  
Amen

May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

### **For the Sick**

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for those who are sick. Amid physical and mental suffering, may they find consolation in Your healing presence with them. Show Your loving care as illness is faced, wounds close, broken bodies become whole and downcast spirits take on hope and peace again. May these friends and relatives find a growing health and so join us in thanking You for all Your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus, divine physician and healer of souls, minds, and bodies. Amen

### **For Those Who Care for the Sick**

Dear God, please bless in a special way my all doctors, nurses, and all the other persons who are caring for all those who are sick and have so many different needs. Please help them to know deep inside how grateful we all are for all their expertise and gentle care. Bless them, O God. Amen

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

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.  
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.  
Where there is discord, let me bring union.  
Where there is error, let me bring truth.  
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.  
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.  
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

### **A Prayer After a Natural Disaster**

Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. Surround them with our prayer for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. We give thanks to those who have come forward to support them during this traumatic time and may they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead. Amen

## Week 1 – commencing Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Almighty God, as we return to school, we give thanks for the many blessings that you have poured into our lives. You promised us that when we call upon your name, you would answer us. May we near to you as we gather to praise and worship today and every day.

Listen to our prayers as we place all our trust in you..

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. Help us to be attentive to our teachers and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy. Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***

Week 2 – commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Good morning, Lord!  
Thank You for this new day.  
Help me to learn with a happy heart,  
to be kind to others,  
and to do my best in all I do.  
Please guide my thoughts and words today.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***

Creator God, You made the earth and saw that it was good.  
Help us to protect our common home with wisdom and love.  
May our actions reflect our faith, and may we always walk gently upon the  
earth.

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

Loving God, Thank You for our school, our friends, and the beautiful  
world around us.

Help us take care of the air, land, water, and animals.  
Show us how to love Your world by picking up litter, saving energy,  
and being kind.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***

Loving God and Father of all, through you we learn that we are all your  
children and belong to your one global family. Help us to act as sisters and  
brothers, supporting each other and working together, so that with your help,  
we can build a world of mercy, kindness, justice and peace. We make this  
prayer through Christ, our Lord

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***

Week 3 – commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Education Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> September

Loving God, Thank You for the gift of education.  
Bless our teachers, students, and families.  
Help us to grow in wisdom, love, and faith,  
so we may use our gifts to serve others.

*Lord in your Mercy*

**Response: Hear our prayer**

Dear God, thank you for this new day. Guide us in our studies and activities.  
Help us to be kind and thoughtful to one another.

Bless our teachers and friends.

*Lord in your Mercy*

**Response: Hear our prayer**

Dear God,  
Come be with us today  
Fill our hearts with joy  
Fill our minds with learning  
Fill our classroom with fun  
Fill our friendships with kindness  
Fill our school with love  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

**Response: Amen**

Lord, thank You for this day. I ask that You would guide my path today and,  
more specifically, my thoughts, words and actions.  
Please be with me throughout the day and help me navigate whatever comes  
my way. Most importantly, help me to reflect and live out my life in a way that  
is honouring to You.

*Lord in your Mercy*

**Response: Hear our prayer**

Week 4 – commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

*Evangelii Gaudium Day – 21<sup>st</sup> September*

*International Day of Peace – 21<sup>st</sup> September*

Lord Jesus, you call us to be missionary disciples. Guide and strengthen us to share your love with all we meet. Give us courage to reach out to help others. Give us wisdom to know how best to care and give us hope to believe we can make a difference. Bless all missionaries who bring your compassions and mercy to the poor and marginalised. Together, may we make known your love on earth.

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the Prince of Peace.  
Bring peace to our hearts, our homes, and our world.  
May Your love guide all nations,  
and may justice and charity reign.

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

God of Peace, may your kingdom come help us put away the weapons of war. Help us destroy the tools of destruction. Let earthly power be challenged when it plunders the poor and tramples on hope. God of Peace, may your kingdom come.

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

Dear God, thank you for loving us.  
Help us to forgive others, just like you forgive us.  
Bring peace to our world,  
to our families, and to our hearts.  
Help us to be peacemakers everyday,  
with our words, our actions and our love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***



Week 5 – commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Harvest and Fruits of the Earth

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Loving God, Thank You for the food we eat,  
the farmers who grow it,  
and the people who share it.

Help us remember those who are hungry  
and to share with a generous heart.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

**Response: Amen**

God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time  
and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your  
constant love and care for us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

**Response: Amen**

Lord Jesus, at this harvest time we thank you for the world we see around us;  
For the flowers, the trees and the animals. Bless all those who care for them,  
Lord.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

**Response: Amen**

Lord Jesus,  
You welcomed all to your table.  
May we recognise our interconnectedness,  
with our common home and our global neighbours,  
so all are invited to share the feast.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

**Response: Amen**

Week 6 – commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Our Lady of the Rosary – 7<sup>th</sup> October

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

Jesus, guard me through this day In all I do and all I say. We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

Father, please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace. In Jesus name we pray.

*Lord in your Mercy*

***Response: Hear our prayer***

Loving God and Father of all, Thank you for the gift of this wonderful world. Help us to notice each day the beauty of your creation, and to care for all of your animals, insects, fish, birds and plants. Encourage us to work with our sisters and brothers everywhere, so that together we can protect the world you made for us - the home all your children share.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

***Response: Amen***

Week 7 – commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Prisons Week – 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October

Feast of St Teresa of Avila – 15<sup>th</sup> October

St. Teresa of Avila,  
teach us to trust in God's love.  
Help us to pray with courage and to serve with joy.  
May we find strength in silence and peace in God's presence.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

Dear God, We pray for people in prison.  
Help them feel Your love and find hope.  
Be with their families and those who care for them.  
Help us forgive and be kind,  
just like Jesus teaches us.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

Lord God, we commend to you all who work or volunteer, in courts, prisons and communities. May they know your presence with them as they work and may their efforts inspire us to share your love ever more widely.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

Lord, I'm often so quick to judge—and then I realize that I don't know what is going on. Forgive me, and help me to pray for people instead of judging them.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

Week 8 – commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October

All Souls – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers. Open the gates of heaven to your servants and help us who remain a comfort to one another and to carry on in the good work we shared until we all meet in Christ in your holy and eternal presence.

*May God give peace.*

***Response: God give us peace***

Loving God,  
We remember all those who have died.  
Welcome them into Your loving arms.  
Bring comfort to those who miss them,  
and help us live in hope of eternal life with You.

*May God give peace.*

***Response: God give us peace***

Father God,  
Thank you for sleep and bringing us safely through another night  
Thank you for a new morning and for health and energy to tackle today  
Lord, be with us throughout this day as we eat and work and play  
Fill us with your love for everything and everyone around us.

*May God give peace.*

***Response: God give us peace***

Father God, I ask for your gentle touch upon my life  
That your healing hands may hold me  
Lift me up, restore me that I may know your hand is upon my life.  
I trust in you.

*May God give peace.*

***Response: God give us peace***

Week 9 – commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Feast of St Charles Borromeo – 4 November

St. Charles Borromeo,  
you served the Church with great love and wisdom.  
Help us to live our faith boldly and care for those in need.  
Pray for our leaders, our teachers, and all who guide others in faith.

*We pray to the Lord*

***Response: Lord, Hear our prayer***

Almighty God, you have created all people and all of creation. We give you  
thanks for this gift we're invited to engage with hope, joy and love as your  
disciples. Open our hearts and our eyes to see our communities as you would  
have us to see them.

*We pray to the Lord*

***Response: Lord, Hear our prayer***

God, we ask for a flourishing community, where neighbours learn to love  
each other and come to know Jesus. We pray that we can be good stewards  
of Your love to each one of our neighbours. We ask that You help us to learn  
from our community, and it may be a place where all are welcomed.

*We pray to the Lord*

***Response: Lord, Hear our prayer***

Lord, give us new strength so that we can build places of belonging: To  
create a community for all to share their gifts, To know that each of us is  
loved, To help us to see the light of Christ in all that we serve. Let us  
remember that each of us is loved, each of us is willed and each of us is  
necessary.

*We pray to the Lord*

***Response: Lord, Hear our prayer***

Week 10 – commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November

God of peace and mercy,  
We remember those who gave their lives for freedom.  
Comfort those who grieve and help us work for a world  
where justice and peace will never end.

*Almighty Father,*

***Response: We trust in You***

Dear God,  
Thank You for the brave people who helped keep us safe.  
We remember them today with poppies and prayers.  
Please take care of them and their families.  
Help us to be kind and peaceful every day.

*Almighty Father,*

***Response: We trust in You***

Loving God,  
Help us to be kind with our words and actions.  
Teach us to respect everyone,  
and to stand up for those who need a friend.  
Fill our hearts with love and courage.

*Almighty Father,*

***Response: We trust in You***

Dear God,  
Thank You for the gift of friendship.  
Help us to build a safe and loving place for everyone,  
where no one feels alone or afraid.  
Guide us to bring peace and joy to all.

*Almighty Father,*

***Response: We trust in You***

Week 11 – commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

World Day of the Poor – 16<sup>th</sup> November

Feast of St Elizabeth of Hungary – 17<sup>th</sup> November

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,  
you gave generously to those in need,  
showing us how to love with open hands and hearts.  
Help us to serve others with joy and kindness,  
especially the poor and sick.  
Pray for us, that we may follow your example of charity and faith.  
*Lord in your Mercy*  
***Response: Hear our prayer***

Merciful God, You call us to see Your face in the poor and vulnerable.  
Open our hearts to love and serve them with compassion.  
Help us to share our blessings generously,  
and to work for justice and peace in our world.  
May we bring hope where there is despair,  
and be a source of comfort to those in need.  
*Lord in your Mercy*  
***Response: Hear our prayer***

Generous God, we lift up to your mercy that poverty which is a moral and  
social wound upon our country's soul.  
In your goodness, help us to heal this wound by working to alleviate the  
suffering and pain of the poor.  
*Lord in your Mercy*  
***Response: Hear our prayer***

Loving God and Father of all, in the Bible we discover your plan for all your  
children to have the things they need to live well and to live in peace - these  
are our human rights. Help us to know and protect these rights for ourselves  
and for all your children. Help us in our responsibility to care for each other.  
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.  
*Lord in your Mercy*  
***Response: Hear our prayer***

Week 12 – commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

World Youth Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> November

God of hope and joy,  
Thank You for the gift of youth.  
Inspire young hearts to follow You courageously,  
to shine Your light in the world,  
and to build a future full of peace and love.  
Help us to listen to Your call,  
to support one another,  
and to walk together in faith.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

Dear Lord, help us to find faith in the midst of the chaos.  
Give us the desire and ability to see you,  
hear you, talk to you, and give thanks to you.  
We pray that we will draw nearer and nearer to you all our lives.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

God and Father, we ask you to be with young people as they experience sorrow and joy. Protect them from the dangers that are present in our world today. Give them and their families the courage to follow you as they journey through life.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***

God our Father, be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith. Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead. Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter. Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored. Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth.

*Heavenly Father;*

***Response: Help our faith to grow***