

All Hallows Catholic School Weekly Prayer Sheet 2020

Week beginning 13th July

We are all called to have faith in God, to 'Open our hearts to God's teaching' and to put our trust in Him. Likewise we have to put our faith in those around us who we trust – children trust their parents, students trust their teachers, players trust their coaches, etc. When we have faith in ourselves we can achieve great things – through prayer we can find ourselves and what God wants of us.

Monday

We give thanks for the past year and all that has gone on in a very challenging time and for all that has been achieved. A year that would have been full of events. We look for God's hand in these events and we count the blessings we have received.

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Prayer:

Father in Heaven, you have blessed us with many gifts.
You chose us before the world began,
To be your adopted sons and daughters,
And to live through love in your presence.
Give us wisdom and insight to know your purpose;
Give us courage to follow where your Spirit leads us,
Give us generosity to serve you in our brothers and sisters.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Tuesday Everything that happens in this world happens at a time of God's choosing

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.

A time to be born and a time to die,

A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,

A time to search and a time to give up,

A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time for work and a time for rest.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for all the good things you have given me over the past school year: my family, my home, my education, my skills, my talents and my friends. Help me to use these gifts well in the year ahead to serve you and all those around me. Amen

Wednesday Count your blessings

As we all know, this pandemic has caused big changes to our daily lives; separation from family and friends, the closing of schools and colleges, cancellations of sporting events, and job losses for many people. Churches have not been able to hold services with a congregation, concerts and events are cancelled and holidays are postponed.

It is easy for people to become bitter and frightened in these circumstances, and many will blame God. But there is a lot to give thanks for as well when we're going through difficult times. So often we do not realise what blessings we have until we lose them. We take our good health for granted until we are ill. We may not value our family and friends until we are forced to

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spend time away from them. Let us take a moment to reflect on what we are most thankful for. Nothing in life remains the same, so we need to be thankful for all the good things in our life now. We pray that God helps us all during these challenging times to be the light that He wants us to be.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

Thursday All Hallows School Prayer

Let us reflect upon the words of our school prayer; that we might be inspired by the vision God has for us in our lives; that we might be faithful to God by the way that we treat others; putting ourselves last and others first.

Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon our school and grant us a renewed vision of your glory, so that we may experience your power, be faithful to your word, and consecrate ourselves to your service. We pray that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday We give thanks for everything

As we come to the end of a very unusual academic year, we give thanks to God for all we have achieved as a school especially during this time of the pandemic – the staff, parents, students; they are all beacons to the energy and talents in our school community.

Prayer

We give thanks for all the special gifts we have in our school and for the experiences we have gained this year. We pray that God will give us the courage to face new challenges and opportunities in the coming years. Amen



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