



Daily Prayers

Office of Mission Integration

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Prayers for a New Academic Year

(These prayers can be used for the first two weeks of the opening of school)

1

Good and Loving God, today we thank you for the gift of this school year. Help us always appreciate the opportunity to learn. We are thankful for the gift of our school community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May we never take our education for granted. As we start this new academic year, help us do our best in our studies, sports, and all activities. Bless our teachers, staff, and coaches. We ask in union with God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell. Inviting Christ Into the Classroom by Betty Manion, Liguori Publications)

2

Dear Lord, a new year means new opportunities for us to grow as leaders. Help us be leaders in our classrooms, our school, and our world. Give us the gifts we need so we can grow into leaders who are wise, patient, compassionate, and who speak up for others. As Jesus was the perfect leader, guide our minds and hearts to act as he did. Help us see every moment as a leader for all our fellow students at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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3

Dear Jesus, new beginnings give us a time to make new friends. You taught us that friendship means caring for others with our heart and soul. Help us to treasure our old friends and give us the courage to reach out to those we don't know to make new friends. We also ask you to help us see our fellow students as uniquely gifted with the talents given to each of us. May we use these gifts as we all work together as one community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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4

Creator God, as we begin a new year, bless our school, our teachers, our classrooms, and all our classmates so that our school will be a place of learning and love. Help our teachers to do their best and guide us to be the best students we can be. May our campus and classrooms be places of radical hospitality, filled with excitement, blessings, and joy. May our minds and our hearts be filled with the knowledge of you, that we may grow in faith and witness that faith to all we meet. May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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#5

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body, mind, and heart. At the beginning of this new school year, we ask you to bless us, our parents, teachers, and leaders of our CMCP educational community. May we grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other. Expand the horizons of our minds and allow us to use the gifts and talents you have given us, and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Grant all these things, we pray. May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayer for the Start of the School Year, Archdiocese of New Orleans)

Monday

1

Creator God, You made us, and You love us. As we begin this week, help us use the minds You have given us to learn and study well. May we grow not only in knowledge but also in humility, grace, and wisdom. Teach us to live with integrity in all we do—at home, in our community, and here at CMCP. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

2

Compassionate God, as we begin this new week of learning, bless us as we read, listen, think, and discuss. Give us the skills to learn effectively and to apply what we gain as Your children. Help me remember that You are the God of peace and justice. Equip me with every good gift so that I may do Your will in all things. Work within me so that my life may be pleasing in Your sight. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

3

God of Heaven and Earth, sometimes Mondays feel difficult. Yet they can also be the beginning of a new adventure—a week filled with possibility. Today, help me embrace this day with hope. Let it be filled with wonder and quiet joy. Show me the beauty of connection with loved ones rather than the tensions and troubles that distract me. May Monday become not a burden to endure but a gift to embrace. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*)

4

Wonderful Counselor, You hold infinite riches of wisdom, goodness, and power. Bless me with the ability to concentrate and learn using the gifts and talents You have given me. You teach that apart from You I can do nothing, but with You all things are possible. Help me rely on You rather than placing all the pressure on myself. May I know the freedom of Your Spirit and live in Your grace, mercy, and peace today and always. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

5

Dear Jesus, today we gather and ask You to bless our school, our teachers, our staff, and all the students of Chaminade-Madonna. Help our teachers do their best as they guide us to become the students You call us to be. May our classrooms be places of hospitality, compassion, excitement, and joy. Above all, help us live our Catholic-Marianist identity with faithfulness—today, tomorrow, and always. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

Tuesday

1

Lord, today we choose You first. You are the center of our school, and Your love fills our lives with goodness. Help us make this Tuesday a day of kindness—toward our classmates, our teachers, and everyone we meet. Open my heart to trust You and to follow Your ways. With Mary, the first disciple, may we learn to be brave, loving, and faithful. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*)

2

Dear God, today we thank You for the amazing world You have made, and we ask You to help us care for every aspect of Your creation.

The wonders of science—physics, medicine, and astronomy. Help us engage deeply with each facet of the universe.

The gift of the arts—music, drama, and design. Inspire us to pioneer new visions and sounds in our generation.

Our minds and bodies—help us grow into all we can be as individuals.

Our families, friendships, and community—teach us to accept, nurture, and forgive one another.

All the blessings of our lives—may we play our part in bringing peace, prosperity, and justice to all.

May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Amen. (*Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*)

3

Everlasting Creator God, bless me in my studies. Give me a clear mind and help me to focus and concentrate, that I may use the gifts You have given me to the best of my ability. May the **Characteristics of Marianist Education** be instilled in my heart and guide me in all I do. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

4

Dear God, bless each of us in our vocation as learners and disciples. May we be willing to accept the invitation Jesus offers in His powerful words: "Come, follow me." May all our choices reflect a positive response to this invitation, and may we each be true disciples of Jesus and Mary. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from 500 Prayers for Catholic Schools and Parish Groups*)

5

Lord our God, in Your wisdom and love, You surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Help me always work toward peace, justice, and the integrity of creation. Send Your Spirit upon us and fill us with Your wisdom and blessing. Grant that we may devote ourselves to our studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*)

Wednesday

1

Lord, on this Wednesday, I recall the strength of the Trinity in my life. Thank You for the loving protection of God our Creator; the redemption and grace of Jesus our Savior; and the freedom and hope given through the Holy Spirit. May this day be a dwelling place of peace—resting in Abba's care, walking in the path of Christ, and living in the freedom of the Spirit. Help me never forget the blessings You have given me, and give me the courage to use them to build a better community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*)

2

God of wisdom, today we ask You to help each of us seek knowledge for the sake of service. May we see our Catholic-Marianist education as a way to foster the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Increase our desire to embrace the **Characteristics of Marianist Education** as we work toward solidarity, dignity, and peace for every person. May we never forget those who are less fortunate, and may they find dignity and purpose. As Mary, the Mother of Jesus, tells us, "Do whatever He tells you," may we have ears ready to hear Your voice. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from 500 Prayers for Catholic Schools Parish Groups*)

3

Lord, You walk beside me; You are always there. Be in my walking—go with me everywhere. Lord, Your hand will lead me; Your light will show the way. Be in my thinking and be my guide today. Bless my day and all those I will meet. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*)

4

God of the Universe, today we thank You that Your work is perfect, Your ways are just, and You are always faithful. You have told us that all prayers are answered, so I ask for Your blessing in my studies. May I work hard, effectively, and with a positive attitude toward my teachers and fellow students. May our school community grow as we live the Characteristics of Marianist Education. May the love of God the Creator, the tenderness of God the Redeemer, and the presence of God the Spirit gladden my heart and bring peace to my soul today and always. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

5

Dear Lord, we give You thanks and praise for our school community here at Chaminade-Madonna. Bless us with hope for a brighter future and friendship in our hearts. Bless our teachers, our friends, and all who help provide us with a great education. Help us use all we learn to work toward a better world. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

Thursday

#1

Lord, on this day I remember that You go before me, so I pause to rest in Your promises. Thank You that You always walk with me, preparing a pathway and watching over me like a shepherd. I give You my fears, worries, and anxieties. May today be filled with hope and light—a day that quiets every anxious thought. Bless our educational community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May all of us—faculty, staff, administration, and classmates—remember Your promise that You are always with us. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*)

#2

Almighty God, we thank You for this beautiful day. Grant us wisdom and understanding in the subjects we study. Help us retain what we learn and grow in the grace and knowledge that all learning is meant to make the world a better place. Allow us to live out the Characteristics of Marianist Education in the best way we can. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

3

Creator God, You began a good work in each of us from the moment we were born. Help us recognize our gifts, deepen our understanding of them, develop them, and share them generously with others. As we use our gifts, guide us to be Your unique servants for the betterment of our Chaminade-Madonna educational community. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell: Inviting Christ Into the Classroom*)

4

Lord of the Nations, thank You that Your Word revives my soul, gives wisdom to my mind, and produces joy in my heart. As I study, fill my mind with wisdom and my heart with happiness. Your Word promises that You will supply all that I need. As I work, may God the Creator prepare my journey, Jesus the Son guide my footsteps, and the Holy Spirit watch over me on every path I follow. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Adapted from ConnectUS*)

5

Lord God, Creator of our human family, You created all people in dignity. Pour into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice, and peace. Move us to build healthier societies and a more dignified world—a world without hunger, poverty, violence, or war. Open our hearts to all peoples and nations. Help us recognize the goodness and beauty You have placed in each person, forging bonds of unity, shared projects, and common dreams. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (*Adapted from Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti*)

Friday

1

Dear God, we imagine Your greatness by looking at the world You created. You are present in each of us—beyond every race, culture, language, and religion. Help us appreciate all that You have made. Open our eyes to see Your presence in one another as we continue building a true educational community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May we always work toward living out our **radical hospitality** with generosity and joy. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell: Inviting Christ Into the Classroom)*

2

Loving Creator, I thank You today that You are my Creator and know me better than anyone else. Help me use the mind You have given me to learn and study well. May I learn with humility and grace. May I grow in wisdom as well as knowledge. Let me live a life of integrity in all I do so I may live out the **Characteristics of Marianist Education** to the fullest. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. *(Adapted from ConnectUS)*

3

God of all gifts, thank You for the blessings You have given us. May we always use our gifts and talents with kindness, humility, and compassion. Help us continue developing our gifts for the good of our classmates and our educational community here at Chaminade-Madonna. Keep our hearts and minds open to the direction of the Spirit, who calls us to celebrate our gifts by sharing them with others. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. *(Adapted from 500 Prayers for Catholic Schools and Parish Groups)*

4

Name above all Names, today I thank You and ask You to guide my steps on Your path. Guide my mind and thoughts as I study. Bless my teachers as they help me learn—not only the subject matter, but also the life lessons I need to become the person You created me to be. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can focus and concentrate on the work before me. Clear my mind of distractions and concerns. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. *(Adapted from ConnectUS)*

5

Lord, today I am aware of the troubles and darkness in our world. I pray for my world, my nation, my family and friends, and our school community here at Chaminade-Madonna. I believe You are the light that shines in the bleakest times. May those who suffer be comforted, those at war seek peace, and those in pain find healing. Give me strength and courage to work toward a world of peace, justice, and respect for the integrity of Your creation. May Mary, our Sister in Faith and Model of Discipleship, be with us today and always. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. *(Adapted — prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)*

Prayers Before a Test

1

All-Knowing God, we thank you, and we know you are always with us. As we begin this test, we ask you to calm our anxieties and fill our minds with your peace. Hear our prayers and help us to always trust in you. And especially, we ask Mary, the teacher of Jesus, her Son, to be with us during this testing period. To you be glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen. (Adapted from ConnectUS.)

2

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from a Salesian prayer)

3

Loving God, be with me now as I start this exam. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity to receive an education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly, and to answer the questions the very best I can. Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam - and always. May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Sandhurst Youth Ministry)

4

Creator God, You know each of us by name,

You walk beside us and guide our footsteps.

You journey with us and watch over us at each stage of our lives.

I pray that you steady my heart and mind as I start this test.

I trust you to be with me, and you will protect me from the fear of failure,

I know that I am loved, and you bless me. Holy Spirit, come and guide me.

May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted - prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

5

Lord God, thank you for this opportunity to learn new skills and stretch my understanding.

Thank you for guiding me through this time of study into the final exams. I lay before you all my

hopes and fears about the outcome. May you place a peace within me now as I rest and await the

results. Thank you that I am held safely in your love. Thank you for whatever happens in the future; I will live in your goodness and walk with you always. Amen.



Traditional Prayers

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Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your Kingdom come, Your 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.

For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,

The Lord is with you.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now,

and at the hour of our death. Amen

Doxology

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

For centuries as a Christian community (since the 1100s), we have prayed, and we have taught our children to pray in these words:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; And kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be recreated. And you, Spirit God, shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the Holy Spirit has taught the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by this same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise to do what is right and true.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Peace 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, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, 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.

The Grail Prayer

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my Spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humankind.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live, work, and pray in me.



Marianist & Marian Prayers

(Traditional and Contemporary)

Marianist Doxology (Traditional)

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Marianist Doxology (Contemporary)

May the Holy Trinity be glorified in every heart, in every age, in every place through the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen (Fr. Robert Bouffier, S.M.)

Three O'clock Prayer (Traditional)

Lord Jesus, we gather in Spirit at the foot of the cross with your Mother and the disciple whom you loved. We ask your pardon for our sins which are the cause of your death.

We thank you for remembering us in that hour of salvation and for giving us Mary as our Mother. Holy Virgin, take us under your protection and open us to the action of the Holy Spirit.

Saint John, obtain for us the grace of taking Mary into our life, as you did, and of assisting her in her mission. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

Three O'clock Prayer (Contemporary)

We pause in a busy day to stop the busyness, to remember that your great work, Jesus, frees us from fear of death and brings us the promise of new life the visible sign of the Creator's love for us.

We stand at the foot of the cross in solidarity with you, Mary, and St. John, and all the Marianist Family, as we endeavor to further your mission. We strive to

Be faithful to prayer daily
Form persons and communities of faith
Advance justice, compassion, and reconciliation
Align ourselves with the poor, and
Respect the integrity of creation.

From deep within our hearts, we thank you.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(The Visitation State Community, Anthony Garascia and Ann Hirt)

Canticle of Mary (Traditional)

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed; for the Mighty one
has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.
God's mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with his arm; he has
scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful
from their thrones, and lifted the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
God has helped his servant Israel,
In remembrance of His mercy,
according to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Hymn of God's Anawim (Contemporary Canticle of Mary)

My soul shows forth your love, O God; And my Spirit rejoices in you, my Savior;
Because you who can do all things, do great things in me.
Praise be your name!

Your mercy comes to all that depend on you, In years past and in age to come.
You show might with your heart but leave the proud in their helplessness.
You shake the foundation of the self-secure,
And you secure the foundations of those distressed.
The hungry you fill with good things; the arrogant remain full of themselves.

You assist the child who remembers your steadfast love;
mindful of your promise to our ancestors,
through Abraham and Sarah and their descendants forever.
(Bro. Giancarlo Bonutti, S.M.)

Memorare (Traditional)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

I Remember (Contemporary The Memorare)

I ponder and remember, O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ. I know deep in heart and soul that you have always loved us as your children. Like a mother, you care for me and assist me, and you are always there for me. Never would you turn your back on me. Encouraged by this faith, I ask you to always walk beside me, guide me, and give me wisdom when I feel afraid and alone. It is with a thankful and humble heart that you will hear my prayer. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Bro. Jack Ventura, S.M.)

Mary ...

You made space in your life for God ...

Help us make space for God in our lives.

You gave Jesus his first welcome into this world ...

Help us to welcome him.

You knew the power of the Holy Spirit ...

Help us follow the Spirit's call.

You pondered the Word of God in your heart ...

Help us listen to God's Word.

You sang God's praises with your cousin Elizabeth ...

Help us share our joys with others.

You knew the suffering of being homeless ...

Help us provide shelter for those in need.

You knew the suffering of living in exile ...

Help us welcome strangers.

You taught Jesus to seek God's will for His life ...

Help us say, "thy will be done."

You recognized the needs of others ...

Help us to be sensitive to others' needs.

You helped the disciples believe ...

Help us grow in faith ...

As we endeavor, members of one family,

to live the Marianist mission of building God's reign. Amen.

(Sr. Laura Leming, FMI)



*Prayers
For
Special Occasions*

A Teacher's Prayer

#1

God grant me wisdom, creativity, and love.

With wisdom, I can look to the future and see the effect
that my teaching will have on these students and
thus adapt my methods to fit the needs of each one.

With creativity, I can prepare new and
interesting projects that can challenge my students and
expand their minds to set higher goals and dream loftier dreams.

With love, I can praise my students for jobs well done and
encourage them to get up and go on when they fall.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate
Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)

#2

Lord, let me be just what my students need.

If they need someone to trust, let me be trustworthy.

If they need sympathy, let me be sympathetic.

If they need love, let me love in full measure.

Let me not anger easily, Lord, but let me be just.

Permit my justice to be tempered in your mercy.

When I stand before them, Lord, let me look strong and
good and honest and loving.

Help me to counsel the anxious, crack the covering of the shy,
temper the rambunctious with a gentle attitude.

Permit me to teach only the truth.

Help me to inspire them so that learning will not cease at the classroom door.

Let the lessons they learn make their lives fruitful and happy.

And, Lord, let me bring them to You. Teach them through me to love You.

Permit me to learn the lessons they teach. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified
in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)

Birthday Blessing— for those celebrating a birthday in your class

May the sun always shine warmly on your face.
May the hands of your family and friends always be near you.
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you!

May there always be service in your life to keep the Word of God alive in your heart.
And as you continue to live this blessed and wonderful life,
May trouble always neglect you,
May the angels always protect you
And may heaven never forget you! Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)

Prayer for a Deceased Member of the School Community

1

Almighty God, hear our prayers for your son/daughter (name),
whom You have called from this life to Yourself.
Grant them light, happiness, and peace.
Let them pass in safety through the gates of death
and live forever with all Your saints in heaven.
Guard them from all harm and on
that great day of resurrection raise them up with all Your saints.
Grant them eternal life in your Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus our brother.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate
Virgin Mary. Amen.

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2

God of all mercies and God of consolation,
You love us eternally and transform the shadows of death into the dawn of life.
Look upon our grief; be our refuge and
comfort so that our sadness and sorrow may turn into the light and peace of your presence.
Into your hands, O God, we entrust (name).
In this life, You embraced (name) with your tender love.
Deliver them now from every evil and welcome them into eternal life.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate
Virgin Mary. Amen.

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*Prayers
For
Peace and Justice*

Prayers for Justice and Peace

1

Our loving God,
In the midst of darkness, reveal your light.
As we long for lasting peace, be with us.
As we long for enemies to be reconciled, be with us.
As we long for cures and healing, be with us. As we long for economic security, be with us.
As we long for love and community, be with us.
Fulfill the deepest longing of your people and dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let your Word ignite the hope the world needs to bring to life your love and justice.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)

2

Mary, may your example and guidance
enkindle in all of us a love for the many
unfortunate people whom poverty and misery
reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings.
Arouse in our hearts a hunger and thirst for justice and peace.
Grant peace in our days,
peace to us,
peace to our families,
peace to our country, and
peace among nations.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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#3

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world despite human failure.
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness despite our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.
May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(A Prayer from Apollo 8 for Universal Justice - Frank Borman)

4

God, you have given all peoples a common origin.
It is your will that they be gathered together.
as one family in yourself.
Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love.
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.
By sharing the good things you give us,
may we secure equality for all
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
May there be an end to division, strife, and war.
May there be a dawning of a truly human society
built on love and peace.
We ask this in your name. Amen.
(Author Unknown)

5

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Author Unknown)

#6

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others
Open my ears that I may hear their cries;
Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;
Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,
Nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
And use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears.
That I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for you.
(For [Courage to Do Justice](#) - Alan Paton)

Prayer for a More Just World

Loving God, move us to love in concrete ways as we seek a better future for all of your children.
Open our eyes to the values of the social teaching of the Church; give us energy and courage to reject fatalism. Grant that Catholic Social Teaching may guide us so we may be part of creating the systems and structures of grace that will allow all human life to flourish. Nurture hope in our hearts, guide us forward and give us a sustained vision of a renewed human community in a renewed Creation. Amen. (Jane Deren, Education for Justice)

Prayer for Peace

God of Love, you created us, and you call us to love as sisters and brothers. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our sister or brother. May we be sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen. (Pope Francis)

Marianist Prayer for Ending Racism

Holy Mary, to whom we have consecrated our lives, we join with you in prayer. We seek the grace and understanding to be converted from the sin of racism that has infected our society for so many years.

Help us not be in denial of the power systems that still give some privileges at the expense of others. Help us to use our power and influence in our communities, families, schools, parishes, and other institutions to assure appreciation and respect for all cultures.

We are grateful for our call to live and spread the community spirit in which the Body of Christ flourishes and celebrates various gifts and talents. Show us the steps we must take to counteract racism. We pray in the name of Jesus and Mary, the model of radical hospitality. Amen.
(University of Dayton)



The Communion of Saints

*Prayers By
Various Saints
or
Significant Persons*

Trust in God

May there be peace within today.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to play, dance, praise, and love. It is there for every one of us. Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila

The Body of Christ

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

St. Theresa of Avila

God Has a Plan for Me.

God has created me to do some definite service; he has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. God has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place. Therefore, I trust in God. Whatever, wherever I am. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve God; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve God; in sorrow, my sorrow may serve God. God does nothing in vain.

Adapted from a prayer by St. John Henry Newman

Prayer for Insight

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.

Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas – Patron Saint of Scholars and Students

Grant to me, O Lord

Grant me, O Lord my God,

- a mind to know you,
- a heart to seek you,
- wisdom to find you
- conduct pleasing to you,
- faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
- and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas – Patron Saint of Scholars and Students

Come, Holy Spirit, divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom!

Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to a successful completion. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas – Patron Saint of Scholars and Students

Make us worthy, Lord,

To serve our sisters and brothers throughout the world who love and die in poverty or hunger. Give them through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Peace At Last

O Lord, support us all day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen.

St. John Henry Newman

My Gift

Lord, I freely yield all my freedom to you.

Take my memory, my intellect, and my entire will.

You have given me anything I am or have;

I give it back to you to stand under your will alone.

Your love and your grace are enough for me;

I shall ask for nothing more. Amen.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

May God the Father, who made us, bless us.
May God the Son send his healing among us.
May God the Holy Spirit move within us and
give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with,
and hands that your work might be done.
May we walk and preach the Word of
God to all.
May the angel of peace watch over us and
lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.
St. Dominic

The Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress.
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability —
and that it may take a very long time.

And so, I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually; let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new Spirit.
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing.
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

The Mystery of the Romero Prayer

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, but it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the results, but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders;
Ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.

Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw – A reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family,
You created all human beings equal in dignity.
Pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice, and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world,
A world without hunger, poverty, violence, and war.
May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us,
and thus, forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams.
AMEN! Alleluia!
(Pope Francis' Encyclical, Prayer from *Fratelli Tutti*, published October 4, 2020.)

Trinity of Love

O God, Trinity of Love,
From the profound communion of your divine life,
Pour out upon us a torrent of familial love.
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.
Grant that we Christians may love the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing Him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and the forgotten of our world,
and risen in each sister or brother
Who makes a new start?

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
Reflected in all the peoples of the earth
So that we may discover anew
That all are important and necessary,
Different faces of the one humanity
That God so loves. Amen

(Pope Francis' Encyclical, Prayer from *Fratelli Tutti*, published October 4, 2020.)

Pledge to Alliance and Social Friendship

In the name of God, who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties, and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love, and peace;

- In the name of innocent human life that God has forbidden to kill, affirming that whoever kills a person is like one who kills the whole of humanity, and that whoever saves a person is like one who saves the whole of humanity;
- In the name of the poor, the destitute, the marginalized and those most in need whom God has commanded us to help as a duty required of all persons, especially the wealthy and of means; In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;
- In the name of people who have lost their security, peace, and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity, and war;
- In the name of human fraternity that embraces all human beings, unites them, and renders them equal;

- In the name of this fraternity torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit, or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;
- In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings, creating them free and distinguishing them by this gift;
- In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith; In the name of all persons of good will present in every part of the world;
- In the name of God and of everything stated thus far; I _____ pledge and declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard.

We, who believe in God and in the final meeting with Him and His judgment, based on our religious and moral responsibility, and through this pledge call upon ourselves, upon the leaders of the world as well as the architects of international policy and world economy, to work strenuously to spread the culture of tolerance and of living together in peace; to intervene at the earliest opportunity to stop the shedding of innocent blood and bring an end to wars, conflicts, environmental decay and the moral and cultural decline that the world is presently experiencing.

We also call upon intellectuals, philosophers, religious figures, artists, media professionals, and men and women of culture in every part of the world to rediscover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, human fraternity, and coexistence to confirm the importance of these values as anchors of salvation for all and to promote them everywhere.

(Adapted from the Document on Fraternity and Social Friendship, the declaration signed on February 4, 2019, in Abu Dhabi by the Grand Imam of Cairo, Ahmad Al-Tayeb and Pope Francis.)

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