

Prayers to End the Day  
Autumn Term 2019

“Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you.”

*St. Augustine*

“Through prayer we can enter into a stable relationship with God,  
the source of true joy”

*Pope Francis*

### Tuesday 3rd September

Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year.  
Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us.  
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.  
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies,  
and courage to accept new opportunities.  
Help us to be attentive to our teachers and let us experience your presence in all we do.  
Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year  
Amen

### Wednesday 4th September

Watching Lord,  
may we learn from each other,  
how to give, how to receive;  
how, in joy, to celebrate,  
and how, in pain, to grieve;  
how to fight for what is right,  
and how to be part of the family to which we all belong.  
Amen

### Thursday 5th September

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us  
**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### Friday 6th September

**Sunday is Education Sunday, when the Church prays for all involved in education.  
Please pick the prayer relevant to your subject**

#### English

God who inspires poets,  
Master storyteller, the mastermind behind  
the narrative of our life,  
open our minds, that we may be inspired  
by literature;  
Give us understanding,  
that we might see inside the story,  
show us where your hand can be traced.  
Amen

#### Maths

As we look at the numbers,  
be in the midst of them, God;  
As we calculate, keep our minds focused  
sharp and fresh.  
You are Lord of all  
– even number, formula and shape.  
Help us to understand and to learn,  
and, in our heads as well as on the page,  
may it all add up.  
Amen

### Science

God, you are creator of everything we call science;

Give us insight into the workings of your creation;

Teach us how our faith interacts with the facts and theories of science, so that we may see your hand at work in all we learn.

Amen

### RE

As we study our faith and that of others, may we be respectful, open-hearted, honest and true to what we believe.

Through it all, may we draw closer to you, and, in doing so, draw others towards you too.

Amen

### Geography

God of the whole world, you chose not to place us in an arid landscape, but into a beautiful creation.

Reveal more if it to us each time we study, renewing our appreciation over and over again for the beauty and wonder of the world you have made.

Amen

### History

As we look into the past, help us to join the dots between your grand story, the story of man, and the story you are writing in us.

Help us to learn from the mistakes of the past, and learn not to repeat them.

Amen

### ICT

Ancient and eternal God, you were in the creation of technology; in the same way, you know its future.

Help us to harness the opportunities that technology creates, to understand them fully, and to be wise about their limits.

May we use technology for good and not for evil.

Amen

### Design and Technology

Lord, as we study design give us a fraction of your aesthetic eye, a miniscule portion of your creative flair, and a tiny part of your insight into how materials behave, so that we might be able to understand how things work, and through our creativity, bring worship to you.

Amen

### Music

Lord, your presence is felt in the beauty of music;

through the study of music, may we know you ever more deeply.

Overtake us with the creativity of your Spirit;

increase our gifts in reading, playing and writing music, and give us opportunity to worship you through music.

Amen

### Art

Creative God, you have inspired beautiful art;  
please inspire us.  
Be the spark of creativity in our work.  
May we reflect the beauty of the world in the art we create.  
Amen

### Drama

Thank you God for the gift of drama,  
for the joy of watching and performing.  
Lord, as we study a source of enjoyment and entertainment,  
encourage us to throw ourselves in and use every dramatic gift we have for your glory.  
Amen

### Business Studies

Lord, we want to learn about business,  
But we know we need to keep our ambition in perspective.  
Help us to understand Lord,  
give us a head for business,  
that we may put it to work for you.  
May the leaders of the business and political world act wisely for the good of all.  
Amen

### PE

You have given us bodies that can do extraordinary things;  
when we run and exercise we can feel your pleasure.  
Through sport, may we worship you,  
may we experience joy and greater health, using the skills you have given us.  
Help us to appreciate the bodies and skills you have given us.  
Amen

### French

Seigneur Dieu,  
Aide-moi a mieux comprendre cette langue,  
A parler plus clairement,  
A parfaire ma lecture et mon ecriture,  
Afin qu'elle devienne un outil que je puisse garder tout le rest de ma vie,  
Amen

### German

Unser Herr Got,  
Hilf mir bitte, diese Sprache besser zu verstehen,  
Und klarer zu sprechen,  
End mein Lesen und Schreiben immer mehr zu verbessern,  
Damit es ein Geschick sei, das ich lebenslang aufrechterhalten kann,  
Amen

### Monday 9th September

Lord, help us to recognise where we are at fault,  
where we misuse power  
and will not acknowledge wrongdoing;  
the times when we are silent,  
keep our mouths shut,  
look the other way.  
Forgive us Lord.  
Help us to speak out for what is right.  
Amen

### Tuesday 10th September

Powerful Lord, come and dwell in us,  
let us see your power.  
Bless us and take care of us,  
we know you are the source of all we need.  
Give us light on our journey,  
feed us when we are hungry  
guide us when we are unsure.  
Amen

### Wednesday 11th September

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
Father, may our school be a family  
which offers caring as well as learning,  
which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Thursday 12th September

God, when we lose hope,  
help us to remember that your love is greater than our disappointments,  
and your plans for our lives will help us with our dreams.  
Amen

We ask our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for us as we pray **Hail Mary...**

### Friday 13th September

Holy Spirit, be close to us in the rushing wind,  
and make us bold to do good.  
Be close to us in the golden fire,  
and help us to do acts of shining goodness.  
Amen

### Monday 16th September

Lord, bless us and keep us;  
let your face shine upon us  
and be gracious to us.

Let your face shine upon us  
and give us peace. Amen

*Based on Numbers 6:24-26*

### Tuesday 17th September

O God, you are the source of life and peace.  
We know it is you who turns our minds to thoughts of peace.  
Hear our prayer for peace.  
Your power changes hearts.  
May enemies begin to speak to one another,  
those who are estranged join hands of friendship;  
and nations seek the way of peace together.  
Amen

### Wednesday 18th September

Loving Lord,  
inspire us to recognise that we are all made in your image and likeness,  
so that we may grow in appreciation of all people,  
encouraging each other to grow in pride in who we are,  
and who we are called to be.  
May we recognise Jesus in each other,  
and live as brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Amen

### Thursday 19th September

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
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which offers caring as well as learning,  
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which shares faith as well as instruction.  
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### Friday 20th September - *International Day of Peace*

Lord Jesus, we pray for men and women who work for peace.  
In areas of conflict, protect them as they stand in the gap between opposing forces;  
In places of danger, send your angels to be beside them.  
In their darkest moments, shine your light.  
Amen

### Monday 23rd September

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
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which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Tuesday 24th September

Teach us Lord, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to see for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do your will.  
Amen

*St. Ignatius Loyola*

### Wednesday 25th September

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us  
**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### Thursday 26th September

Open my eyes that I may see the deepest needs of men, women and children  
Move my hands that they may feed the hungry;  
touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing;  
teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers;  
let me share my possessions with people in need;  
give me the care that strengthens the sick;  
help me share in the quest to set prisoners free.  
In sharing our anxieties and our love,  
our poverty and our prosperity;  
we partake of your divine presence.  
Amen.

### Friday 27 September

O Lord my God,  
Teach our hearts where and how to find you.  
You have made us and re-made us,  
and you have given us all the good things we have.  
Teach us to seek you.  
Let us find you by loving you and loving others.  
Amen  
*Today is the feast of St Vincent de Paul*

**October is the month of the Rosary. Pope St. John Paul II said**

**“The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple, and theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it”  
The most important prayer in the Rosary is the Hail Mary. Please take any opportunity to pray the Hail Mary in lessons.**

Monday 30th September

We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say

**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

Tuesday 1st October –

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.

Wednesday 2nd October

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
Father, may our school be a family  
which offers caring as well as learning,  
which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

Thursday 3rd October (*tomorrow is the feast 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.  
St. Francis **pray for us**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – *Cafod Harvest Fast Day*

*A prayer resource from Cafod will be released in September  
– The RE faculty will email this out in time for use today.*



### Monday 7th October

Father, we pray that we may live cheerfully, patiently and positively.  
We bring before you all who are sick and all who care for them.  
Bring healing to those we know who are ill, afraid or worried.  
We think of those who suffer from sickness, worry or weakness.  
Father be with them all, and be with us.  
Amen

### Tuesday 8th October

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
Father, may our school be a family  
which offers caring as well as learning,  
which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Wednesday 9th October

We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say  
**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

### Thursday 10th October

Lord, when people shout out in anger, help us to speak calmly.  
When people threaten to hurt us, keep us from striking back.  
When people try to lead us into something we shouldn't do,  
give us the strength to walk away  
and a safe place to go to:  
a place of refuge, healing and forgiveness.  
Amen

### Friday 11th October

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us  
**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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
Amen

Monday 14th October

We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say  
**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

Tuesday 15th October

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
give us measure of your Spirit  
that we may be enabled to obey your teaching:  
to pacify anger,  
to take part in pity,  
to increase love,  
to put away sorrow,  
to cast away vainglory,  
not to be vindictive,  
not to fear death;  
ever entrusting our spirit to you.  
Amen

Wednesday 16th October

Lord, be before us and show us the right path.  
Lord, be beside us and protect us.  
Lord, be behind us and keep us safe from harm.  
Lord, be beneath us and catch us when we fall.  
Lord, be within us and comfort us when we are sad.  
Lord, be around us and defend us from attack.  
Lord, be above us and bless us.  
Amen

Thursday 17th October

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
Father, may our school be a family  
which offers caring as well as learning,  
which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

Friday 18th October

Lord, we remember St. Luke today.  
We thank you for his tireless work to spread your Good News.  
May we be inspired by reading his Gospel,  
learning more about you,  
to share your love with those we meet.  
Amen

*Today is the feast day of St Luke, one of the Gospel writers*

Tuesday 29th October

God our Father,  
you call us each by name,  
and you know the innermost thoughts that we keep to ourselves.  
Stay with us, day by day, in good times and in bad.  
Empower us with your Spirit,  
that we may grow in character and develop a true sense of values and ideals,  
through following Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Wednesday 30th October

Lord we carry things around each day.  
We carry strengths to share and worries we sometimes hide.  
We carry joy and we carry difficulties.  
May we always help those with their burdens and when we are filled with joy  
May we share that with others.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thursday 31st October

On this last day of the month of the rosary,  
we ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say  
**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

Friday 1st November

*Today is the Feast of All Saints*

We remember, O God,  
the countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time.  
The example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.  
We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.  
Amen

***November is traditionally the month that the Church prays for its dead***

### Monday 4th November

Let us never stop praying for justice,  
or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us 'Why?'.  
Let us never stop praying for fairness,  
or the hungry of this world will one day ask us 'Why?'.  
Let us never stop praying for healing,  
or the sick in this world will one day ask us 'Why?'.  
Let us never stop praying.  
Amen.

### Tuesday 5th November

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
Father, may our school be a family  
which offers caring as well as learning,  
which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Wednesday 6th November

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us  
**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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen**

### Thursday 7th November

We pray for all those who have died recently, in war, in sickness, in old age...  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
Let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the rest in peace.  
Amen

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

We pray for those in authority,  
that they may use their position to serve people well  
and build a community where injustice and division  
will give way to justice, peace, freedom and love. Amen

Monday 11th November

***Sunday was Remembrance Sunday***

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war,  
each one remembered by and known to God;  
for those who love them in death as in life.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,  
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.  
May God give peace to our world. Amen

Tuesday 12th November

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.

Father, may our school be a family  
which offers caring as well as learning,  
which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

Wednesday 13th November

Let us pray for schools and centres of learning throughout the world,  
for those who lack access to basic education,  
and for the light of knowledge to blossom and shine in the lives of all God's people.  
May we be grateful for the opportunities we have at school each day,  
and make the best use of our education.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Thursday 14th November

We remember lost loved ones as we pray...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the rest in peace. Amen

Friday 15th November

***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> is World Day of the Poor, when the Church prays for all affected by poverty around the world.***

Loving God, open our ears to hear you in the cry of those living in poverty.

Open our eyes to see you in the lives of the oppressed.

Open our hearts to meet you in others and to respond with mercy and compassion.

Pour out on us your grace,

so that we may grow as your faithful people,

always seeking your kingdom of truth, justice and peace.

May we be generous with our wealth and possessions. Amen

### Monday 18th November

We pray for all who have died and have no loved ones to remember them...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the rest in peace.

Amen

### Tuesday 19th November

We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say

**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

### Wednesday 20th November

Lord, we ask that we may have the vision to see when something is not right, and the courage to do something about it.

May we notice when someone is unhappy or isn't well, or when someone feels left out,

and do what we can to help them feel part of things.

May we notice when something needs to be done and then get on with it.

Lord, we ask that we may notice all that is around us and live in a positive and cheerful way.

Amen

### Thursday 21st November

We pray to God our Father for all the people who help make St. James' to be our special family.

Father, may our school be a family

which offers caring as well as learning,

which offers safety as well as knowledge,

which shares faith as well as instruction.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Friday 22nd November

*Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, it is also National Youth Sunday*

Lord, we pray for your kingdom to come here now,

bringing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, love, peace, mercy and grace for all.

Lord, we ask that you rule in our hearts,

lead in this world and govern over your Kingdom.

Thank you for being a different kind of King.

Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for loving us.

Thank you for your Kingdom that is unlike any Kingdom in this world.

Amen

### Monday 25th November

We pray to God our Father for all the people who help make St. James' to be our special family.

Father, may our school be a family which offers caring as well as learning, which offers safety as well as knowledge, which shares faith as well as instruction.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Tuesday 26th November

Living God, keep us awake in faith, a faith that acts.

When our faith grows weary, strengthen us, when our faith grows fearful, give us courage, when our faith grows despairing, give us hope, and when the faith of others falters, may we be a light in their darkness.

Amen

### Wednesday 27th November

God, our Father, with the gifts you have given to us, we have responsibilities and duties. Lead us to do our best and act responsibly.

Give us courage when we face difficulties.

Inspire us to make our choices wisely, so we may always follow your path.

Amen

### Thursday 28th November

Slow us down Lord, and for now simply remind us that only one thing is needed, that we be still before you, and know that you are God.

Amen.

### Friday 29th November

We remember all who have died. May they be welcomed into God's mercy and love. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the rest in peace.

Amen

### Monday 2nd December

*Sunday was the First Sunday of Advent*

Eternal God, present in each moment of our lives,  
help us to rediscover your gift of this season of Advent,  
help us to wait, to rest, to stop  
and so to live more truly.

Amen

### Tuesday 3rd December

Holy One, as we prepare for the birth of Christ, give us your Spirit of wisdom.  
As we seek to embody your love in the world, give us your Spirit of good counsel.  
As we seek to be faithful, give us eyes to see beyond the obvious.  
Amen.

### Wednesday 4th December

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
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which offers safety as well as knowledge,  
which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Thursday 5th December

In this Advent season we await the coming of Christ.  
Light of the World, come,  
come to the oppressed and exploited,  
come to the despised and rejected.  
We wait in joyful expectation.  
Come not as a man of power, but in love and compassion,  
come to the outcast – like the shepherds in the fields,  
come to foreigners – like the Magi watching from afar,  
come to rich and poor, young and old, male and female.  
We wait in hopeful anticipation – may we be ready.  
Amen

### Friday 6th December

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us  
**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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen**



### Monday 9th December

Jesus our Light,  
as we prepare to celebrate your birth,  
may we hear your call to live rightly, honestly and generously,  
and so receive you, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

### Tuesday 10th December

The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait in joyful expectation,  
Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ,  
shed your light on all that is filled with darkness.  
Draw close, God's beloved son,  
teach us the wonder of your all-embracing love.  
Amen

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

God our caring Father,  
who gave your beloved Son for all,  
you see our human fears and love us anyway.  
Guide us through this season with quiet, glad anticipation.  
Help us to pay attention to those around us who are in need.  
Give us a spirit of reflection,  
patience with each other,  
and hearts brimming with thanks.  
Amen.

### Thursday 12th December

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who help make St. James' to be our special family.  
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which shares faith as well as instruction.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen

### Friday 13th December

Holy One, you call us to live in this world as bearers of hope.  
As the adverts turn Christmas into a product,  
help us to show that the greatest gift of all is your presence at the centre of our lives.  
Let our preparation for Christmas be characterised  
by our willingness to risk doing it differently, and our witnessing to a deeper source of hope  
than that which can be wrapped in bright paper.  
Amen

Monday 16th December

Jesus, your birth is celebrated in the music of heaven, and the carols of earth;  
in our joy and laughter, give us ears to hear the angels' song,  
and seek peace and good will for all men.

Amen

Tuesday 17th December

We are waiting for love without end

Without conditions, without violence, without fear.

We are waiting for justice without end, without vengeance, without hatred, without lies.

We are waiting for peace without end

Without displacement, without borders, without war.

We are waiting for joy without end

Without reservation, without rebuke, without want.

We are waiting for you.

Amen

Wednesday 18 December

***Today is International Migrants Day***

Loving Lord,

we remember the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

We think of those who have been forced from their homes,

through violence,

through persecution,

through starvation.

May all who are far from home this Christmas time feel your love and peace.

Amen

Thursday 19th December

We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray for us as we say

**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

Friday 20th December

We pray to God our Father for all the people  
who help make St. James' to be our special family.

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