



National Families Week

PRAYER RESOURCES





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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SUGGESTION

This week we are celebrating **Families Week**. Throughout the week there will be activities in our school community centred around making moments matter, reminding us all in the business of our lives to take time to spend with our families.

This week, let us reflect on the importance of our families and take the time to make moments matter.

CatholicCare have an online toolkit which includes a Parents Hub for Families week. You can access it by heading to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/ccare/index.php/school-student-family-program-ssfp/families-week-2017>





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STAFF PRAYER - GIVE US TIME

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

Timeless God, We gather to celebrate Families Week. In our families and school we have ways of showing care for each other. We are called to reach out to family members, our school, neighbours, community members and people in our world who experience hard times.

Help us to make each moment count and to make time for things that bring refreshment
To sit and dream
To chat to our family and friends

Help us to make a difference, to pray and to rest, To notice the wonder of your creation,
To look into one another's eyes, To ask hard questions
And to wait for the answers

Help us to make time not to hurry, Fill this day with miracle moments
When life makes sense and we see clearly

Give us moments when we embrace you alive in our lives
When we hear good news, When we forgive and are forgiven

Give us moments of real honest and moments of deep awareness
Let there be moments when we are moved to tears, And moments of laughter pouring from our soul

Let there be moments of gratitude and moments when we behold your face
Be with us throughout this day, gentle God.
Make the rhythm of our day keep pace with the cadence of your love. Amen





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STAFF PRAYER - EXPERIENCE THE DAY FULLY

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

God of wonder,
On the day we were born you began your work in us. We know that you continue to work not only in us but through us,
Help us be good servants, always doing your work with open and eager hearts.
Whatever comes our way today, keep us positive and peaceful, always mindful of your presence and sustaining love amongst us.
Give us strength and courage to experience fully each moment of this day. Heal all that is painful in us and give us your peace.
Watch over us, protect and guide us throughout this and every day.
Amen.





PRAYER RESOURCE

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

*As we reflect on the time we share together,
we pray for all of the families in our school community
and around the world.*

I pray, please bless my family,
Friends and loved ones with your love
And protect them from harm.
Give them grace to forgive, strength to overcome all
the difficulties they face and keep them together when
the world tries to pull them apart.
Thank you Lord, Amen





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SECONDARY ASSEMBLY

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

All loving and passionate God,
 Today we give thanksgiving for the special people who bless our lives.
 Thank you for our families and significant people in our lives.
 For those who believe in us, urging us to be more
 For those who comfort us when we fail, then help us to refocus and
 recreate. Thank you for those who are always there for us
 Through the trials and the celebrations.
 Thank you for those who cry with you
 And shout and cheer and sing for joy with us.
 Thank you for those who trust us, care for us and empower us,
 For those who see through us and still love us.
 God of love, thank you for those whom we love and for those who give
 love in return.
 They are living, breathing signs of you freeing love for us.
 Amen.





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PRIMARY CLASSROOM PRAYER

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

Heavenly Father, Please shine your light upon my family. Give us strength to overcome difficulties and protect us against any and all problems we may encounter in the future. O Lord, please bring us together as we are meant to be.

Grant my family forgiveness for any sins we have committed. May we also forgive one another Lord, as it is sometimes difficult to do.

Bless us Lord, In your name I pray, Amen





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JUNIOR CLASSROOM PRAYERS

(Yr 7-8)

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

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

Lord, we thank you for our family

For the talents and good things that you have given each of us

Please guide us, protect us and equip us

This day and every day

As we grow together in Your love

Amen.





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JUNIOR CLASSROOM PRAYERS

(Yr 9-10)

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

Let us remember God's presence in our hearts and in our lives.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, God of all times and places, we ask you to attend to this prayer and the voices, heard and silent, who pray it.

For families who struggle to speak to one another in love, (pause)

For families who delight in being together, (pause)

For families who do not have enough to dress warmly or to go to bed without hunger, (pause)

For families who find it hard to spend any time together, (pause)

For our families, (pause)

For the families in our community, (pause)

For the families around the world, (pause)

For all families, we pray that love will grow in them so that love will shine through them.

Amen



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SENIOR CLASSROOM PRAYER

(Yr 11-12)

As we reflect on the time we share together, we pray for all of the families in our school community and around the world.

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On the day we were born you began your work in us. We know that you continue to work not only in us but through us,
Help us be good servants, always doing your work with open and eager hearts.
Whatever comes our way today, keep us positive and peaceful, always mindful of your presence and sustaining love amongst us.
Give us strength and courage to experience fully each moment of this day. Heal all that is painful in us and give us your peace.
Watch over us, protect and guide us throughout this and every day.
Amen





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SPORT


God our Father,
You have created us
to strive for the best.
Grant to all athletes, coaches, and fans,
strength to pursue excellence
during this event.
We pray for the safety of these athletes;
Protect them from injury and harm.
And finally, we pray for your grace,
that you would provide us
with the endurance to pursue our heavenly prize:
eternal life in Your Son. Amen





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POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER



1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.

5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

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