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## **SOME PRAYERS TO USE PJ CLASSES**

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### **EVERYDAY PRAYERS**

#### ***PRAYER OF FAITH***

Almighty God, we believe in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and in all you have revealed.

You are the God of all people and all nations.

Help us to give thanks and praise to you each day of our lives.

May all that we do and say give glory to your holy name. Amen.

#### ***BE WITH US PRAYER***

Dear God, we know that you are with us when we are asleep and when we are awake.

Help us to know you are our God and we are your children.

May we see you in the world and the people around us. Amen

#### ***GROWING PRAYER***

Father and Creator, help us to know that everything we are and everything we can do is a gift from you. Help us to grow and learn and become all that you created us to be. Amen

#### ***PRAYER TO RESPECT LIFE***

God, Father of all, teach us to respect all life including the unborn, the disabled, the ill, and the aged.

May we remember that life is a precious gift from you and all of us are made in your own image and likeness. Give us the courage to speak for the rights of those who cannot speak for themselves.

We ask this through your Holy Spirit of love. Amen.

#### ***SPIRIT OF LOVE PRAYER***

Spirit of love help us to make the world a better place for all nations, all races, all cultures, all people. Amen

#### ***PRAYER OF COMPASSION***

Father of us all, we ask your help in living as the kind of people you created us to be.

May we show compassion to those who need us.

May we share your love with all people.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ***THANK YOU GOD PRAYERS***

Dear God, we give you thanks for all the blessings you give us each day.

Thank you for the world and all of creation.

We know that everything you have made is good.

Thank you for our family and friends and all people who care about us.

We especially give you thanks for your love for each of us. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF BLESSING**

### ***BLESS THIS DAY PRAYER***

God, Father and creator, bless us this day in all we do and think and say.

Bless our hearts and our lives as we walk the way of Jesus.

We ask your blessing on all your people.

May we live in love each day.

We ask this in the name of your Holy Spirit of love. Amen

### ***PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR OTHERS***

God of love, today we pray for the concerns of other people.

Bless the lives of the poor, the homeless, the sick, the outcasts, and all people in need.

Help them to know your love and that you are with them always.

Bless our lives and our hearts that we may reach out to people in need in your name. Amen

### ***PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING***

Father, we ask your blessing on our lives.

Send us your Holy Spirit that we may live in your love and share that love with others.

May we be a living sign of Jesus to those around us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

## **PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL TIMES**

### ***BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PRAYER***

God, Father of us all, we are beginning a new year together in our class.

Help us to learn new things this year and to make new friends.

May we open our minds to learn more about you.

May we open our hearts to the needs of others.

May we have a welcoming word for those who are new or who need a friend.

Help us to learn new ways to serve you in love. Amen

### ***PRAYER WHEN SOMEONE IS SICK***

Father, someone we know is sick.

They can't go to school or play outside today.

We are worried about them and hope they get better soon.

Please be with them and let them know your love.

Hear our prayer. Amen

### ***PRAYER WHEN SOMEONE DIES***

God of all life, someone we know has died and we are very sad.

We will miss this person so much.

We know that those who die live on in your love in heaven.

Help us to keep the memories of this person alive in our hearts now and always. Amen

### ***PRAYER FOR A MEAL TOGETHER***

Father of all creation, we ask your blessing on this food and on all who are gathered here today.

We are grateful for all the food before us.

We thank you for the gifts of the earth and for those who worked to grow and prepare this food.

For what we have been given, make us truly grateful.

We pray this through Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. Amen

### ***END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR PRAYER***

God, Father of us all, thank you for all we have learned this year.

We have grown in faith, hop, and love of you.

Thank you for the friends we have made and the good times we have shared.

Be with us as we go forward into the summer.

Amen.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR**

#### **ALL SAINTS' DAY PRAYER**

God, father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today we honour all saints who have loved you and loved others.

We honour Saint Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Anne, Saint John, Saint Katherine Drexel, Saint Rose, Saint Frances Cabrini, Saint Thomas, Saint Vincent do Paul, and all other saint.

Help us to follow their example and to live as your people each day of our lives. Amen

#### ***ALL SOULS' DAY***

Father in heaven, we pray today for all the people who have died.

We are very sad when someone dies, but we know that they are in heaven with you.

Help us to remember that Jesus Christ brought new life to all of us through his life, death, and resurrection.

Be with the families and friends of those who have suffered the death of someone they hold dear.

Help them to feel your presence and love in their time of sorrow and to know that we care. Amen

#### **PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT WREATH**

Dear God of hope, as we light the candle (s) of this Advent wreath we remember all that you have done for us. We thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus, to be the light of the world.

Help us to prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of Jesus now and at the end of time. Amen

#### **EPIPHANY PRAYER**

God of love, we hear in the Bible the story of how the wise men followed the star to Jesus until they found him. Help us to follow the star of Jesus in our own lives as we make our journey of faith.

Guide us and be with us in all things. Amen

#### **PRAYER FOR LENT**

God, Father of us all, we thank you for sending Jesus to us.

By his life, death, and resurrection, he redeemed the world.  
Help us to remember all that you have done for us our of your unending love.  
We pray today not only for our own needs, but for the needs of other people in the world.  
During this holy season of Lent we ask your forgiveness for the wrong we have done to  
others and the good we have not done