



PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN

	MORNING PRAYER	MIDDAY PRAYER	END OF DAY PRAYER
Prayers for all children	O my God, you love me you're with me night and day I want to love you always in all I do and say I'll try to please you, Father, Bless me through the day Amen	Bless us O God, as we sit together Bless the food we eat today Bless the hands that make the food Bless us O God Amen	At the end of the day, I turn and say, Thank you God for your love today, I try to be good, as I know that I should. That's my prayer at the end of the day. Amen

Children in nursery and Reception should be taught:

- How to make the sign of the Cross
- The morning, lunchtime and end of day prayer
- Children will also hear the 'Our Father' and the 'Hail Mary'

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 should be taught:

- 'Our Father'
- 'Hail Mary'
- 'Glory Be'

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 should be taught Mass responses:

- 'The Eucharistic Prayer'
- 'Holy, Holy, Holy'
- 'Lamb of God'
- 'I Confess'

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 should be taught:

- 'The Gloria',
- 'The Apostle's Creed'
- 'The Nicene Creed'



Nursery and Reception

In nursery and Reception, children learn how to make the sign of the cross and the morning, lunchtime and end of day prayers. We also learn a song / hymn in each class.

Nursery – If I was a butterfly

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings
And if I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee
But I'd just thank you Father for making me me
**'Cause you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me**

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk
And if I were a kangaroo
I'd just hop right up to you
And if I were an octopus
I'd thank you, Lord, for my good looks
But I'd just thank you Father for making me me
**'Cause you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me**

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm
And if I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my big smile
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
But I just thank you Father for making me me
**'Cause you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me**



'Cause you gave me a heart
And you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me

Reception – He’s got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole wild world in his hands
He's got the whole wild world in his
Hands he's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands
He's got the little bitty baby in his
Hands he's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me brother in his
Hands he's got you and me sister in his hands
He's got you and me brother in his
Hands he's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.



Traditional Prayers and Mass responses Key Stage 1 (Mercury, Venus & Earth classes)

Order of the Mass – Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you

Response: And with your spirit

Order of the Mass – Penitential Rite

Lord have Mercy

Christ have Mercy

Lord have Mercy

Our Father

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;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

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.

Glory Be

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.





Class Hymns – KS1

Mercury – Kumbaya

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya,
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya,
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya, oh, Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's singing, Lord, Kumbaya,
Someone's singing, Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's singing, Lord, Kumbaya, oh Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbaya,
Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbaya, oh Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's crying, Lord, Kumbaya,
Someone's crying, Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's crying, Lord, Kumbaya, oh, Lord, Kumbaya.

Someone's sleeping Lord, Kumbaya,
Someone's sleeping, Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's sleeping, Lord, Kumbaya, oh, Lord, Kumbaya.

Venus – Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

CHORUS



Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

CHORUS

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

CHORUS

Earth – Colours of day

Colours Of Day Dawn Into The Mind,
The Sun Has Come Up, The Night Is Behind.
Go Down In The City, Into The Street,
And Let's Give The Message To The People We Meet.

**So Light Up The Fire And Let The Flame Burn,
Open The Door, Let Jesus Return.
Take Seeds Of His Spirit, Let The Fruit Grow,
Tell The People Of Jesus, Let His Love Show.**

Go Through The Park, On Into The Town;
The Sun Still Shines On, It Never Goes Down.
The Light Of The World Is Risen Again;
The People Of Darkness Are Needing A Friend.

CHORUS

Open Your Eyes, Look Into The Sky,
The Darkness Has Come, The Son Came To Die.
The Evening Draws On, The Sun Disappears,
But Jesus Is Living, His Spirit Is Near.

CHORUS



Traditional Prayers and Mass Responses lower Key Stage 2 (Mars & Jupiter classes)

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

I confess (Penitential Act)

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.





Class Hymns – Lower KS2

Mars - Everyday God

**Earth's creator, Everyday God,
Loving Maker, O Jesus,
You who shaped us, O Spirit,
Recreate us, Come, be with us.**

In your presence, Everyday God,
We are gathered, O Jesus,
You have called us, O Spirit,
To restore us, Come, be with us.

**Life of all lives, Everyday God,
Love of all loves, O Jesus,
Hope of all hopes, O Spirit,
Light of all lights, Come, be with us.**

In our resting, Everyday God,
In our rising, O Jesus,
In our hoping, O Spirit,
In our waiting, Come, be with us.

**In our dreaming, Everyday God,
In our daring, O Jesus,
In our searching, O Spirit,
In our sharing, Come, be with us.**

Jupiter – Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird



Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world



Traditional Prayers and Mass Responses upper Key Stage 2 (Saturn, Neptune & Pluto classes)

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to His people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
*Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,



the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed (The Profession of Faith)

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.





Class Hymns – Upper KS2

Saturn – Make me a channel of Your peace

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born into eternal life

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy
And where there's sadness ever joy

Neptune - Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make the darkness bright



Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.
I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Fill their hearts with love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.
I will hold your people in my heart...

Pluto – Ave Maria

As I Kneel Before You,
As I Bow My Head In Prayer,
Take This Day, Make It Yours
And Fill Me With Your Love.

Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.

All I Have I Give You,
Every Dream And Wish Are Yours,
Mother Of Christ, Mother Of Mine,
Present Them To My Lord.

Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.



As I Kneel Before You,
And I See Your Smiling Face
Every Thought, Every Word
Is Lost In Your Embrace.

Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.



Other prayers / ways to pray that children will experience at St John's

The Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Our Lord
4. The Presentation
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Coming of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Crowning of Our Lady



How to Pray the Rosary

1. Hold the crucifix: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. 2. On the first bead: one Our Father...
3. On the three grouped beads: one Hail Mary on each bead
4. On the next single bead: Glory be to the Father...

The first mystery

5. Announce the first mystery. E.g. the first luminous mystery is the baptism of Jesus. On the same single bead, one Our Father.

Move on to the loop of beads

6. On the first set of ten beads: one Hail Mary on each bead
7. Pause and reflect on the first mystery
8. On the single bead: one Glory be to the Father...

The second to the fifth mysteries

Announce the mysteries one at a time and repeat the pattern of:

One Our Father

Ten hail Marys

One Glory be to the Father

Until you have reflected on all five mysteries.



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and was established as a monastic practice by St Benedict in the 6th century. It is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word. We slow down. We read a short passage more than once. We consider it slowly and carefully. We savour it. Scripture begins to speak to us in a new way. It speaks to us personally, and aids that union we have with God through Christ who is himself the Living Word.

Step One: Read the Bible passage

Consider: What is happening? What is interesting? What do I notice?

Step Two: Reflect on what you have read

What did I like? What does it mean to me?

Step Three: Respond

Read the text again and respond to Jesus. You could say or write a prayer thanking Jesus or asking for help to live the message.

Step Four: Rest

Read the text again and in your mind repeat a phrase that meant something to you or meditate on the words.

Step Five: Action

Take what you have learnt from today out into the world.

'Seek by reading and you will find by meditating. Knock by praying and it will be opened to you in contemplation.'

St John of the Cross



Visio Divina

EYFS and KS1

Visio Divina is a form of prayer that helps students to pray with their eyes using sacred art. These are suggested steps:

Look at the piece of religious artwork

What do you see? What is happening? If you were in this scene, what would you be feeling?

Adult to support by adding context to the piece of art.

How is Jesus present in this picture? What does he want to teach you in this picture?

Look at the artwork again and tell a partner or the class what you have learned from this experience.

KS2

Visio Divina is a prayer practice that allows us to imaginatively deepen our relationship with the sacred. It follows these steps:

Contemplate an image silently,

Reflect on its initial appearance,

Explore its context (using scripture or questions from an adult),

Understand how Jesus is present in this picture and what he wants to teach you,

Pray on the meaning of the Visio Divina for your life.



The Examen

Step One

The Examen is a way of reviewing your day in the presence of God, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has 5 steps.

Step One

Ask God to help you to look at your day through His eyes.

Step Two

Thank God for the day you have lived as it is a gift from Him.

Step Three

Review the day carefully, being guided by the Holy Spirit.

Step Four

Face what is wrong and what you could have done better today.

Step Five

Look forward to the day to come and ask God for what you will need for the new day.