



The
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PRAYER

GUIDELINES

Oratory RC Primary School– PRAYER POLICY

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Prayers
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	The Sign Of The Cross Morning prayer Night prayer Grace before meals - Infants The Lord be with you Glory be to the Father Our Father Hail Mary Lord have mercy Lord graciously hear us St. Patrick's prayer Holy Spirit prayer Guardian Angel Christ has died ... Through him, with him Blessed be God forever Grace before meals – Juniors Grace after meals - Juniors Act of sorrow Act of faith Act of hope Act of charity Holy, Holy, Lamb of God Prayers For The Dead Confiteor Lord, I am not worthy Response to the Preface Joyful: mysteries of the Rosary Long Gloria The Angelus May the Lord accept Sorrowful mysteries Glorious mysteries Hail Holy Queen The Nicene Creed

These are the basic prayers the children should say at home and at school. Teachers are free to add any other prayers they feel are suitable to the occasion. Also children may pray spontaneously, use scripture for prayer, practice silent prayer and meditation. Singing too is an important way of praying.

This list of prayers is cumulative. Children should add to their knowledge of formal prayers as they go through the school. Singing and meditation is to be encouraged.

Reception

The Sign of the Cross

From my head to my heart, from my shoulder to my shoulder Jesus I love you.

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

Morning Prayer

Father in heaven, you love me,
You are with me
Night and day.
I want to love you always
In all I do and say.
I will try to please you, Father,
Bless me through the day.

Amen

Night Prayer

God Our Father, I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends
You give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light.

Amen

Grace before meals - Infants

Bless us, O God,
As we sit together
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands
That made the food.
Bless us O God.

Amen.

Mass response

The Lord be with you
And with your spirit

YEAR 1

Glory be to the Father

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.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 among 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.

Mass responses

Lord have mercy
LORD HAVE MERCY

Christ have mercy
CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Lord have mercy
LORD HAVE MERCY

YEAR 2

St Patrick's prayer

Christ be with me
Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
Christ be at my right hand,
Christ be at my left hand,
Christ be with me everywhere I go.
Christ be my friend
For ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of the faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
And they shall be created,
And you will renew the face of the earth.

O God
Who has taught the hearts of the faithful
By the light of the Holy Spirit,
Grant that by the gift of the same spirit
We may be always truly wise,
And ever rejoice in his consolation,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Guardian Angel

Angel sent by God to guide me,
Be my light and walk beside me,
Be my guardian and protect me,
On the path of life direct me.

Amen.

Eucharistic prayer responses

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.

YEAR 3

Grace before Meals – juniors

**Bless Us O Lord
And these your gifts
Which we are about to receive
From your bounty
Amen**

Grace after meals

We give you thanks
Almighty God
For all your benefits.
World without end

Amen

Act of Sorrow or Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will try not to sin again. Amen.

Act of faith (short)

My God I believe in you and in all
That your holy church teaches
Because you have said it
And your word is true.
You are the Christ,
The Son of the living God.
You are my Lord and my God.
Lord, I believe,
Increase my faith. Amen

Act of Hope

My God I put my hope in you
Because I am sure
Of your promises.
Deliver us, Lord,
From every evil
And grant us peace in our day
As we wait in joyful hope
For the coming of our saviour,
Jesus Christ.

Amen

Act of Charity

O my God I love you with all my heart,
With all my soul,
And with all my strength.
Lord, increase our love.
Help us to love one another.

Amen

Mass responses

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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

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.

YEAR 4

Prayers for the Dead

Eternal rest grant to him/her/them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Mass responses

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.

Amen

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Response to the preface

The Lord be with you
AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

Lift up your hearts
WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God
IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.

Joyful mysteries of the rosary

1. Annunciation

The angel Gabriel comes to Mary and asks her to be Jesus' mother. Mary trusts in God and says 'yes' to his request.

2. Visitation

Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth to share her good news. Elizabeth knew something special was happening when she welcomes her. Mary replies by saying the Magnificat.

3. Nativity

Jesus is born and God really lives among us. The world and all its peoples will never be the same again.

4. Presentation

Mary and Joseph take Jesus to be presented at the Temple and to give thanks to God. He is recognised by Simeon who gives praise to God with the Nunc Dimittis.

5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Jesus stays behind in the Temple. His parents search for him when they realise he is not with them. They are worried about losing him. Eventually they find him and he explains he is doing his Father's work in the Temple.

YEAR 5

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to 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 Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Let it be done to me according to your word.
Hail Mary.....

The word was made flesh
And dwelt amongst us.
Hail Mary.....

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray Pour fourth we beseech you O Lord your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Mass responses

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.
MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS FOR THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS HOLY CHURCH.

Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary

1. Agony in the garden

While the disciples sleep, Jesus prays in the garden. Jesus was frightened about all that would happen to him. He asks God his father to help him to accept what was to happen.

2. Scourging at the pillar

Jesus' powerful enemies hand him over to Pilate. They persuade him to punish Jesus. The soldiers take off Jesus' clothes and he is whipped until he is badly cut and hurt.

3. Crowning with thorns

The soldiers insult Jesus and make him a crown of thorns, As they push it on his head, it cuts and scratches Jesus.

4. Carrying of the cross

Jesus is very weak after being beaten. He is forced to carry the heavy wooden cross to the place where he would be crucified.

5. Crucifixion

Thy soldiers nail Jesus to the cross. He asks God to forgive his enemies. Jesus places his trust in his Father before he dies.

The glorious mysteries of the Rosary

1. Resurrection

Jesus, after three days buried in the tomb, rises from the dead.

2. Ascension

The risen Jesus had finished his work, so he went back to his Father. He was lifted up to Heaven on a cloud. He promised us he will return again.

3. Coming of the Holy Spirit

The disciples were praying together in a room when it was filled with a powerful wind. The Holy Spirit came down on them, like flames of fire, on their heads.

4. Assumption

When Mary died she was taken up to Heaven to be with Jesus and God our Father.

5. Crowning of Our Lady

Jesus crowns Mary Queen of Heaven.

YEAR 6

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us: and after this our exile, show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

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 with 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,
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