

### Celtic Blessing

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me;  
Christ to comfort me and restore me;  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger  
Amen

### Final Thought

May the peace of the Lord Christ grow with you wherever  
he may send you.

May he guide you through the darkest nights,  
Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has  
shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing again into our doors.



## Prayer Booklet "Prayers for home"



*St William of Perth  
Catholic Primary School*



We have also included some of our own favourite prayers which you may like to use.

### **Guardian Angel**

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

### **Circle Me**

Circle me O God and keep me safe

Circle me O God and love me.

Circle me O God and care for me

Circle me O God and be with me

*This can be prayed as a circle "us" prayer*

### **The Grail prayer**

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your  
Father and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it  
is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.

### Spontaneous Prayers:

In addition to the traditional prayers that we say in school, we use everyday situations to "talk to God". For example, during the day we encourage children to say thank you to God. Thank you God for a lovely day, thank you God for m family, thank you God for ...

Night prayer is very important too. The close of the day is an opportunity to share a quiet time with your child/ children and to thank God for the gifts or challenges of the day.

We hope you enjoy the experience of praying with your child.

### Be with us

Heavenly Father

Be with us in our learning

Be with us in our playing

Be with us in our laughter

Be with us in our tears

Be with us when we get things right and when we get things wrong

Be with us as we travel to school and as we travel home.

We know that you will always be here for us Lord at this school.

Amen

### Message from our Headteacher

Welcome to "Prayers for Home" - we hope that you will enjoy praying with your children at home as much as we do within our school community.

We believe that prayer is a shared experience, a conversation with God and that we all have our own way of "talking and listening to God". There is no "right" way to pray!

We believe that the traditional prayers that are said regularly in our school parish community are important to pass on to our children. Please help your child to become familiar with them and enjoy the experience of praying together at home.

'Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!'

Matthew 5:9



## The Sign of the Cross

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

Actions to teach your child—with their right hand (touch forehead) - In the name of the Father, (touch heart) and of the Son (touch left shoulder) and of the Holy (touch right shoulder) Spirit (join your hands) Amen

You may wish to teach your child an alternative sign of the cross (We use this in Key Stage 1):

*From my head to my heart, from my shoulder to my shoulder, I belong to God my Father.*

## Class Prayers

These are the prayers we say in our classes:

### Morning Prayer

Oh 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 try to please you, Father.  
Bless me through the day.  
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

## Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon, may they rest in peace.

Amen

## Prayer of Sorrow—Act of Contrition

Oh my God because you are so good  
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you  
and with your help I will try not to sin again.

Amen



### The 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.  
Our 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.

### Lunch Time Prayer

Bless us oh God as we sit together,  
Bless the food we eat today.  
Bless the hands that make the food.  
Bless us oh God.  
Amen.

### After Lunch Prayer

Thank you God for the food we have eaten,  
Thank you God for all my friends,  
Thank you God for everything,  
Thank you God,  
Amen.

### Evening Prayer

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