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	Celebration of the Word Assemblies	Daily Classroom Prayers (4 days)	Let Us Pray... Pupil Planned Prayer (1 day)
31 August Matthew 16:21-27	Jesus, Our Perfect Leader ‘Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24 This Celebration of the Word Assembly provides an opportunity for children to consider what makes a good leader and why Jesus is our perfect leader. Through prayerful meditation, children are invited to reflect on how they want to trust and follow Jesus in the year ahead.	Hearts and Minds on Jesus “... setting your mind on the things of God...” Matthew 16:23 As we start the new school year, this week’s prayers are a reminder that Jesus is always with us, inviting us to walk with Him. Each daily focus gives children the opportunity to reflect on what it means to set hearts and minds on Jesus, and how they can trust Him to lead them through all they might face in the year ahead.	Let Us Pray... In Our Own Way
7 September Matthew 18:15-20	Gathered in His Name “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20 Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is with them. In this Celebration of the Word Assembly children consider how working together makes us stronger and more effective. They will discover how prayer can strengthen and unite us together in faith.	Together With Jesus “...there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20 As we settle in with the new term, we ask God to bless our schools, our teachers and all those who help to nurture children as they learn and grow. Our prayers this week give children the opportunity to invite Jesus to be with them as they work, learn, pray, grow and live out their Christian mission in school.	Let Us Pray... In Our Own Way
14 September Matthew 18:21-35	Forgive — Reset — Repeat ‘Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”’ Matthew 18:21 In this week’s Gospel, Jesus teaches about the importance of forgiveness. In this assembly, children will recognise what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to do as Jesus teaches: to ‘love one another’.	Seventy Times Seven ‘Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.”’ Matthew 18:22 When Peter asks how many times we should forgive, Jesus answers not seven times but seventy times seven — in other words, no matter how many times somebody hurts us, we need to forgive them! These daily prayers invite children to focus on forgiveness in different areas of their lives.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Scriptures

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21 September Matthew 20:1-16	Generous and Just ‘For as the Heavens are higher than the Earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’ Isaiah 55:9 In this assembly, children will explore Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard and reflect on the meaning of fairness. They will discover that whilst we may not always understand God’s ways, we can trust that He is more generous and just than we can imagine.	God is Good (Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18) ‘How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures.’ Psalm 145:9 These daily prayers focus on God’s love which is so amazing, it’s hard for us to fully understand! God shows us how to love just as we are loved by Him. Each day, children will celebrate different aspects of God’s love and reflect on how they can show love to others through their words and actions.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Scriptures
28 September Matthew 21:28-32	Actions Louder than Words “Which of the two did the will of his father?” Matthew 21:31 Through a modern-day parable about two characters whose words do not match their actions, children will learn that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. There will be an opportunity for reflection on how far children’s own words and actions mirror those of Jesus.	Encourage in Christ (Philippians 2:1-5) ‘Brothers and Sisters... complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.’ Philippians 2:1-2 St Paul invites us to live in unity and love as believers. This week’s prayers invite children to consider how they treat others. When we remember Christ’s love, we can pray and act like He does to help, encourage and bless those around us.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Saints
5 October Matthew 21:33-43	Love and Respect Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes’?” Matthew 21:42 In the parable of the tenant workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches us about rejection and acceptance. Children will understand how we are called to respect Jesus, by listening to His message of love and sharing it with others.	Practise These Things (Philippians 4:6-9) ‘What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things.’ Philippians 4:9 Inspired by St Paul’s letter to the Philippians, with the message that we can turn to God at any time, children are guided through different ways to grow in friendship with God through prayer. When we practise praying, we develop a prayer perspective which changes the way we live!	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Saints

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12 October Matthew 22:1-14	Come to the Party! ‘The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited...’ Matthew 22:2-3 Through the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus tells us what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. In this Celebration of the Word Assembly children will reflect on God’s invitation and how they can say ‘Yes!’ through their choices, words and actions.	Strength in the Lord (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20) ‘I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.’ Philippians 4:13 In his letter, St Paul makes clear that in every moment and situation, good or not so good, God will supply our every need. Through these daily prayers, children are encouraged to ask in confidence that God will give them the strength to do their best for Him.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Saints
19 October Matthew 22:15-21	We Belong to God ‘Then He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”’ Matthew 22:21 In this week’s Gospel we hear how Jesus responds to the Pharisees and leaders who were trying to catch Him out. Children will reflect on how they can put God first and give everything of themselves to God.	Sing Sing Sing (Psalm 96:1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a) ‘O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the Earth.’ Ps 96:1 This week’s daily prayers focus on Psalm 96 — a Psalm of thanks and praise to God. In the words of St Augustine, ‘The one who sings prays twice!’ Each day, children are invited to lift their voices in praise and thanksgiving by ‘singing a new song to the Lord’.	Let Us Pray... in Our Own Way
2 November Matthew 5:1-12a	All Holy Men and Women “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven.” Matthew 5:12a In this Celebration of the Word assembly, children explore the Solemnity of All Saints through Jesus’ teaching in the Beatitudes. With prayer and reflection, they will look to these holy men and women who now share the joy of Heaven with Jesus. Children are encouraged to recognise that they too are called to be holy and to follow Jesus in their daily lives.	Praying for All Souls “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4 Losing someone we love can be very hard, but Jesus promises to be close to those who mourn. On All Souls, we remember and pray for the people who have died. Through God’s mercy and love, these prayers invite children to pray, give comfort to others, and find peace in their own hearts, even in times of loss and sadness.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Saints

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9 November Matthew 25:1-13	Waiting Wisely “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Matthew 25:13 The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids reminds us to be ready for God. We too can wait wisely by following God each day and make choices that help us grow closer to Him. In this assembly, children are encouraged to take every opportunity to know Jesus, to love like Him and live as His followers.	Fill Our Lamps ‘...but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.’ Matthew 25:4 In this week’s daily prayers, children reflect on the wise bridesmaids who kept their lamps full with oil. Our ‘oil’ is the good we do each day that helps us to grow more Christ-like. These prayers invite children to ask Jesus to fill their lamps, helping them to be ready, live wisely, and follow Him faithfully every day.	Let Us Pray... in Our Own Way
16 November Matthew 25:14-15	Unique Gifts “The Kingdom of Heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.” Matthew 25:14 In this Celebration of the Word assembly, children reflect on the Parable of the Talents and discover that each of us is a unique gift from God. God gives us special talents and abilities, and He wants us to use them to serve Him and help others. Children are encouraged to make the most of their gifts, and use them to bring God’s glory and goodness to the world around them.	The Little Things “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” Matthew 25:21 God wants us to use our gifts wisely, be responsible, and do our best in every small thing. In these prayers children are invited to offer the little things in their lives to God in prayer, and see the bigger impact on their faith and interactions with others.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Scriptures
23 November Matthew 25:31-46	His Glorious Throne At that time: Jesus said to His disciples, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.” Matthew 25:31 The Solemnity of Christ the King celebrates Jesus’ glorious Kingship. Jesus is our one true King who unites His people, brings healing, protects us, and leads us to share in His glory. In this assembly, children are invited to acknowledge Jesus as their King and follow Him by living lives that reflect His love and care.	Reign Forever ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:40 In this week’s daily prayers, children celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. Using artwork of Christ the King, children are invited to praise Him, thank Him and ask for help to follow His loving example each day.	Let Us Pray... in Our Own Way

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30 November Mark 13:33-37	How Am I Faithful? "It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake." Mark 13:34 In the first week of Advent, children will explore how God calls us to be faithful in the everyday things we do. Through the story of Jesus' teaching about watchfulness, they will discover that even small acts of kindness, care, and responsibility help God's light grow in the world.	Holy Family - Mary "... Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed." Luke 1:48 In the first week of our 'Holy Family' Advent prayers, children will meet Mary and reflect on her special role in God's family. Each day, they will focus on one of the beautiful titles Mary has been given over the centuries, using it to inspire their prayers and help them grow closer in friendship with God.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Scriptures
7 December Mark 1:1-8	What Am I Hearing? 'John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.' Mark 1:4 In the second week of Advent, children will explore the gift of listening. Just as John the Baptist shared God's important message from the wilderness, we can hear God's voice in unexpected places. Children will discover that Advent is a time to slow down and listen carefully to God and others.	Holy Family - Joseph '... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."' Matthew 1:20 In the second week of our 'Holy Family' Advent prayers, children will meet St Joseph and reflect on his special role in God's family. Each day, they will focus on one of the titles St Joseph has been given, using it to inspire their prayers and help them grow closer in friendship with God.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Scriptures
14 December John 1:6-8, 19-28	Who Am I Called to Be? 'There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.' John 1:6 In the third week of Advent, children will explore who they are called to be. Just as John the Baptist knew his mission to point people to Jesus, we each have a special role in God's plan. Children will discover that Advent is a time to reflect on the kind of person God wants us to be and how we can live out this calling every day.	Holy Family - Jesus "... and you are to name Him Jesus..." Matthew 1:21 As we approach Christmas, the final week of our 'Holy Family' Advent prayers invites children to meet Jesus and reflect on His special role in God's family. Each day, they will focus on one of the amazing titles He has been given, using it to inspire their prayers and help them grow closer in friendship with God.	Let Us Pray... inspired by the Scriptures