

Intercessions

Let us pray that our schools exhibit the ideals that we profess

That we continue to promote a strong academic curriculum and cultivate a desire for excellence,
We pray to the Lord...

That we always strive to develop an educational culture that fosters the growth of the whole person, higher-order thinking, and life-long learning,
Let us pray to the Lord...

(Spontaneous Intercessions)

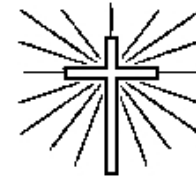
Our Father

Closing Prayer

Grant, all-powerful God,
that your life which we share
may never cease to touch our hearts
with the force of its saving grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

I press on toward
the goal to win
the prize for which
God has called me
heavenward in
Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14 (NIV)



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Essential Element VII

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Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
enable us to proclaim the power of Christ the Lord,
who has risen to life and vanquished death,
so that we who acknowledge this pledge of his great love
may share in the riches that it foreshadows.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Reading from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.

Psalm Response

O Lord, our Lord,
how awesome is your name through all the earth!

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I will sing of your majesty above the heavens
with the mouths of babes and infants.
You have established a bulwark against your foes,
to silence enemy and avenger.

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When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars that you set in place—
*Who are we that you are mindful of us,
and the children of man that you care for us?

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Yet you have made us little less than a god,
crowned us with glory and honor.
You have given us rule over the works of your hands,
put all things at our feet:

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All sheep and oxen,
even the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

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O LORD, our Lord,
how awesome is your name through all the earth!

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Quiet Reflection

Shared Reflection