



## **Resource Overview**

Autumn 2024

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| Ordinary Time                                    |   |  |   |  |  |
|  | Celebration of the Word Assemblies  | Daily Classroom Prayers (4 days)   | Let Us Pray Pupil<br>Planned Prayer (1 day) |  |  |
| <b>2 September</b><br>Mark 7:1-8,14-<br>15,21-23 | The Rule of Love<br>The return to school means a return to routine and rules. In<br>this assembly, children will learn that Jesus taught that true<br>holiness comes from the inside out. Pupils will be encouraged<br>to make love the guiding rule in their lives!  | <b>All That is Good</b><br>St James tells us in his letter that all good things come from God.<br>This week's prayers help children, as they start the new school year,<br>to reflect on all that is good in their lives and give thanks to God.   | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |  |  |
| <b>9 September</b><br>Mark 7:31-37               | Ordinary Words, Extraordinary Power<br>In the Gospel this week, Jesus spoke the ordinary words, 'Be<br>opened', with extraordinary power, healing a deaf man who<br>couldn't stop telling everyone about it! Children will learn what<br>it means to allow Jesus to open their ears and mouths so they<br>can hear and share the Good News. | <b>Be Open!</b><br>In the Gospel, Jesus helps a man by healing him. These prayers will give children confidence that Jesus cares for everyone and, because of God's power in Him, we can go to Jesus for the help we and others need.  | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |  |  |
| <b>16 September</b><br>Mark 8:27-35              | <b>God's Plans</b><br>In this week's Gospel, Jesus confounded the expectations<br>of His disciples. This assembly helps children learn that<br>God's plans can be surprising and that following Jesus<br>involves expecting the unexpected – with the assurance that<br>Jesus is with us every step of the way.                             | <b>Walk In His Presence</b> Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9<br>When we invite Jesus into each moment, we can face whatever<br>comes at us with courage and peace. Through daily prompts for<br>personal drawing or writing, the prayers this week help children to<br>recognise all the moments of their lives where they can choose to<br>walk with Jesus. | Let Us Pray<br>in our own way               |  |  |
| <b>23 September</b><br>Mark 9:30-37              | <b>True Greatness</b><br>In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples argue about who is<br>the 'greatest'. Children will discover that the most important<br>things in life are not winning, being the best or most beautiful.<br>Instead, Jesus taught His disciples that true greatness in<br>God's sight means putting others first.         | Servant of All<br>In the prayers this week, children will pray each day for those who<br>serve us and be encouraged to think about how they can serve<br>others. They will learn that by putting others first, their capacity for<br>loving kindness grows greater.  | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by the Saints       |  |  |

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| <b>30 September</b><br>Mark 9:38-43,45,<br>47-48 | Jealous or Generous?<br>In this week's Gospel, we learn how the disciples jealously wanted<br>to keep the power to heal to themselves. This assembly explores<br>Jesus' response to our envious tendencies and challenges pupils<br>to celebrate the abilities and character of others.                                    | For Us<br>Jesus is calling for unity amongst His followers and reminds them<br>that those who are working His name all belong to His Kingdom.<br>In our prayers this week, children will have the opportunity to follow<br>Jesus by being friendly, forgiving, fair and generous.   | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |
| 7 October<br>Mark 10:2-16                        | Like a Child<br>In this week's Gospel, Jesus welcomes children despite<br>others trying to keep them away. Jesus commends the open-<br>heartedness of children, which is explored in this assembly<br>through an interactive film about how trusting God can lead to<br>peaceful, loving decisions.                        | I Will Trust<br>The prayers this week help children to know that we can trust God<br>completely, at all times and without fail! Through imaginative prayer,<br>children will explore the concept of trust and reflect on how they<br>trust others, themselves and, ultimately, God.   | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |
| <b>14 October</b><br>Mark 10:17-27               | <b>Treasure in Heaven</b><br>In the Gospel story of the rich young man, Jesus tells us<br>how difficult it is to enter the Kingdom of Heaven when we<br>have many possessions. In this assembly, children will be<br>encouraged to think about what is, and what is not, truly<br>valuable in their lives.                 | <b>Everything is Possible for God</b><br>In this week's Gospel we hear that everything is possible for<br>God. Through imagined scenarios where Jesus helps children<br>do something they thought was impossible, children will have the<br>opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit to guide them to trust in<br>Jesus' help. | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by the Saints       |
| <b>21 October</b><br>Mark 10:35-45               | <b>The Eternal Prize</b><br>Building on the theme from earlier in the term, that to be great<br>in God's sight, they must put others first, children will learn in<br>this assembly that through Jesus' service and self-sacrifice,<br>He won for them the greatest prize – the joy of eternal life with<br>Him in Heaven! | Here to Serve<br>In the Gospel this week, Jesus reveals the true nature of His style of<br>leadership: servanthood. Each day this week, children will focus on<br>praying for leaders in different situations. They will learn that we can<br>all lead like Jesus and draw on the strength of the Holy Spirit.              | Let Us Pray<br>in our own way               |
| <b>28 October</b><br>Mark 10:46-52               | <b>Looking Deeper</b><br>Bartimaeus was a poor blind beggar who persisted, made a<br>fuss and kept calling for help because he knew, not with his<br>blind eyes but with his eyes of faith, that Jesus is Lord. This<br>assembly encourages children to look deeper, like Bartimaeus,<br>and use their eyes of faith.      | <b>Give Me Courage</b><br>To develop our spiritual sight we need to listen, seek, and respond<br>to Jesus's call. These prayers help children to focus on the courage<br>required to throw off the old way of looking at things and see God in<br>the everyday things, good and bad.  | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by the Saints       |



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| <b>4 November</b><br>Mark 12:28-34  | <b>First and Always</b><br>Jesus is clear; our first priority is to love God, second is to love<br>our neighbour. This assembly reminds children that Jesus wants<br>us to love Him first, with all our hearts, minds and strength, not<br>sometimes or by doing good things when we feel like it but first<br>and always. | <b>God Above All Else</b><br>God is one and there is no other - nothing gives us the joy, peace,<br>hope and life to the full that He does. This week's prayers focus on<br>giving God the honour, glory and focus He deserves.  | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |
| <b>11 November</b><br>Mark 12:41-44 | <b>Two Small Coins</b><br>This week, we hear the Gospel story of the widow who gave<br>away her last two coins. Children will learn that Jesus is<br>interested in the generosity of our hearts. Even if it feels like we<br>have little to give, will we trust God and give our all?                                      | Loving Generously<br>The Gospel this week demonstrates one way of showing love: being<br>generous. But we can give and receive love in lots of different ways<br>– it's almost like there are lots of different love 'languages'. The Bible<br>tells us that God is love, so the prayers each day start by thinking<br>about a different way in which God loves us, then consider how we<br>can love others in similar ways. | Let Us Pray<br>in our own way               |
| <b>18 November</b><br>Mark 13:24-32 | Know that He is Near<br>Change is a part of life. Sometimes this is welcome: trees bear<br>fruit, children grow to adults. Other changes can be daunting.<br>This assembly focuses on the unchanging nature of God's<br>word, which is the reason for our hope.  | Love that Lasts<br>God loves us in the past, present and future and even death<br>doesn't change His love for us! This week's prayers help children<br>read God's word and learn about His love for us. They also learn<br>that Jesus is coming back, and although we don't know exactly<br>when, we can be ready by trusting in God's love throughout the<br>changes that might come!                                       | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |
| <b>25 November</b><br>John 18:33-37 | <b>The True King</b><br>This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the<br>King. In this assembly children will learn that as the true King,<br>Jesus leads us by His Word and His Spirit to the truth of God<br>the Father's love for us   | <b>Be the King of My Heart</b><br>The daily prayers this week are a series of reflections exploring that<br>our hearts are little kingdoms made for the King. Through the week,<br>these reflections allow children space to consider what is important<br>to them and to ask Jesus to be the King of their hearts.  | Let Us Pray<br>in our own way               |



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| <b>2 December</b><br>Luke 21:25-28,<br>34-36 | <b>Open Minds</b><br>In this first week of Advent, as we anticipate the coming<br>of Jesus and the beginning of the Year of Jubilee with the<br>opening of the Holy Door, children will invite Jesus to open<br>their minds. With minds open to welcome Jesus into our lives<br>and be like Jesus to those we meet, we can learn how to<br>respond to difficulties with strength and courage. | Help Us, Lord Jesus<br>This week's prayers encourage children to remember that one way<br>they can help others is to pray for those in need, especially at this<br>time when the focus in the shops and the world around us is on<br>Christmas presents!  | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |
| <b>9 December</b><br>Luke 3:1-6              | <b>Open Hearts</b><br>In the second week of Advent, children will understand that<br>our actions impact others as well as our relationship with God.<br>They will have the opportunity to open their hearts to Jesus<br>and become reconciled – right – with God by putting Jesus<br>first as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee.  | <b>Be With Us, Lord Jesus</b><br>As Advent progresses and anticipation for Christmas builds, this<br>week's prayers offer children a chance to learn a simple song that<br>helps prepare their hearts to welcome Jesus and be with Him this<br>Christmas.   | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |
| <b>16 December</b><br>Luke 1:26-38           | <b>Open Lives</b><br>This week, the final in our Advent series, children are<br>learning to open their lives to Jesus through their words and<br>actions, as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee.<br>When we open our lives to Him, our actions are an example to<br>others of love, kindness and generosity.   | <b>Change Us, Lord Jesus</b><br>To prepare for the great arrival of Jesus, this week's prayers take<br>inspiration from the people in the nativity story. The prayers this<br>week make space for children to consider what changes they<br>might need to make in their thoughts or actions to be ready for the<br>coming of Jesus. | Let Us Pray<br>inspired by Scripture        |

