

## *Prayers for Catechists and Students*

### *Prayer for a New School Year*

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty.  
Help us to know what is pleasing to You and to understand what is right and good in Your sight.  
Give us the Spirit of Learning that we may please You by our thoughts and love You in Your creation.  
Give all teachers Your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.  
Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of Your truth to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.  
Amen.

### *Prayers for Teachers*

O Glorious Saint Joseph, foster father of Our Lord, guardian and teacher of the Young Jesus, help us as we teach our children to grow in the love and truth of Jesus. Guide us so that we will lead them in the right path to acknowledge the truth that Jesus teaches.  
Amen.

O Blessed Saint Joseph, guardian of the Child Jesus, we pray that You will help us in our daily troubles and tribulations as we try to pass on to our students all the teachings that they need, to be able to succeed in their chosen professions. Help us to teach, and help them to learn. Guide us all as thou didst guide Your most Holy foster son, Jesus. Obtain for us the graces we need, not only to teach and to learn, but to stay on the path shown by the Light of Christ.  
Amen.

O Blessed Saint Joseph guide me every minute of today as I teach my students. Intercede for me so that I may provide them with all the knowledge they require.  
Amen.

O Blessed St. Joseph, please be with me this day. Guide me through my lessons. Make every act and word I present to my students blessed through Your intercession. Obtain for me patience, love, and understanding when dealing with problems in the classroom. O St. Joseph, help me to become the best possible teacher that I can be. For this reason, I take thee as my patron. You who taught Your son, Our Savior, while on this earth. St. Joseph, foster father of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Amen.

### *Psalm for Students*

Recite this prayer in deep faith before and after study. Jesus will bless You abundantly.

1. The Lord is my teacher. I shall want for nothing.
2. He will teach me all subjects. He leads me to his ocean of knowledge.
3. He answers all my doubts. He fills me with His wisdom and leads me through the path of His knowledge.
4. I shall not fear even the most difficult exams, because the Lord is with me. His words and promises strengthen me always.

5. He makes easy for me even the most difficult subjects. He is anointing my head with His wisdom. My answer sheets are filled with the right answers.
6. He gives me blessings to study well during my study time. I will be always a faithful student to Jesus, Who is my teacher.

Amen.

### *Prayer for a Mature Faith*

Lord, I wish to believe in You.

Let my faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate my thoughts, my way of judging Divine things and human things.

Let my faith be free. Let my faith be strong; let it not fear the difficulties or the problems of which the experience of our life, eager for light, is full; let it not fear the hostility of those who question it, attack it, reject it, deny it, but let it be strengthened in the intimate proof of Your Truth; let it resist the attack of criticism.

Let my faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to my spirit, and dispose it for prayer with God and conversation with all.

Amen.

### *Prayer to Appreciate the Mass*

O Lord Jesus, in order that the merits of Your sacrifice on the Cross might be applied to every soul of all time, You willed that it should be renewed upon the altar. At the Last Supper, You said: "Do this in remembrance of Me." By these words You gave Your apostles and their successors the power to consecrate and the command to do what You Yourself did. I believe that the Mass is both a sacrifice and a memorial - reenacting Your Passion, Death and Resurrection. Help me to realize that the Mass is the greatest gift of God to us and our greatest gift to God.

Amen.

### *Prayer for the Gifts to Seek God and Live in Him*

Father, in Your goodness grant me the intellect to comprehend You, the perception to discern You, and the reason to appreciate You. In Your Kindness endow me with the diligence to look for You, the wisdom to discover You, and the spirit to apprehend You. In Your Graciousness bestow on me a heart to contemplate You, ears to hear You, eyes to see You, and a tongue to speak of You. In Your Mercy confer on me a conversation pleasing to You, the patience to wait for You, and the perseverance to long for You. Grant me a perfect end - Your Holy Presence.

Amen.

### *Thank You Prayer*

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Dear Lord,

For all that You have given to me, THANK YOU, JESUS.

For all that You have withdrawn, THANK YOU, JESUS

For all that You have permitted, THANK YOU, JESUS.

**For all that You have forgiven me, THANK YOU, JESUS.**

**For all that You have prepared me for, THANK YOU, JESUS.**

**For the death that You have chosen for me, THANK YOU, JESUS.**

**For all my strengths, THANK YOU, JESUS.**

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**For the place You have prepared in heaven for me, THANK YOU, JESUS**

**For having created me to serve You for all eternity, THANK YOU, JESUS.**

**Amen.**