

# PRAYERS & QUOTES FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2017

## ELEMENTARY

### Monday, September 4

*NO PRAYER (LABOUR DAY)*

### Tuesday, September 5

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you for your promise that has made all of us your dearly loved children. Empower us to love others the way you love us. Wash us clean from every sin. Remind us to praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.*

*Jesus, be Lord of our lives today in new ways and transform us into faithful followers. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness and justice. Empower us today with your glory and to invite others to follow in your footsteps.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus.*

*Amen. +*

### Wednesday, September 6

*God of faith,*

*Strengthen our commitment to you, today and every day. In Baptism, we have been promised to God and to one another. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic and courage to accept new opportunities.*

*Open our hearts and minds to a new beginning this school year as we work together to renew the promise of Catholic education that is within each one of us.*

*We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend.*

*Amen. +*

### Thursday, September 7

*Heavenly Father,*

*We offer you glory, praise and honour on this day and always. We promise to believe and trust in you, who has made a promise to us. We pray for patience and perseverance as we wait for your glory. We pray for peace and hope for the world as we promise to actively do our part to build your kingdom on earth. We promise to love others as your son Jesus taught us; for we know that your love is unfailing and everlasting.*

*Amen. +*

### Friday, September 8

*God of all that is good,*

*We thank you for the promises you have made to us. Guide us to see each other with your loving eyes. Show us how to use our gifts to serve others. Free us from the things that hold us back. Inspire us to be compassionate people you call us to be. Make our school a place of warmth, acceptance and light. Teach us to act in ways that promote peace and justice so that we may build your kingdom, here on earth.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen. +*



## **SECONDARY**

### **Monday, September 4**

*NO PRAYER (LABOUR DAY)*

### **Tuesday, September 5**

*God of Hope,*

*Today we give thanks for Catholic education, its history and promise for the future. We remember all those who gave freely of their talents and conviction to bring us to where we are today. We ask your blessing on the many who have sacrificed and dreamed of a place for educating in faith. We ask special blessings on the many religious communities who committed to a vocation of education promoting the wellbeing of all. We are blessed with the fruits of their labour. May we continue to remember as we journey in faith toward a bright future.*

*We make this prayer in the name of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen. +*

### **Wednesday, September 6**

*Faithful God,*

*In the fullness of time your promises to us are always fulfilled. During dark times, we recall to each other the promise of our Baptism and witness together to the hope of the Resurrection. Now, our students are your promises for the future. May the faith that we share continue to bear rich fruit in the ongoing contribution of Catholic school graduates in our community, our province and our nation.*

*We make this prayer in the name of the Risen Jesus.*

*Amen. +*

### **Thursday, September 7**

*Creator God,*

*Awaken the seed of faith within us. Help us to remember to honour the promise of Catholic education through our commitment to prayer. We are grateful for the community with which you bless us. May our continued prayer rise to you and express our hope for the promise of a future of learning in faith. Open our hearts so that the distinctive thread that binds us together enables us to appreciate the tapestry of our world, created through your love. May our prayer bring us to a place where we honour all of humanity and creation as sacred.*

*We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and teacher.*

*Amen. +*

### **Friday, September 8**

*God of mercy,*

*We thank you for the example given by Pope Francis, who shows us what it means to recognize Christ in every person and to accept people as they are. May our schools be positive, accepting, inclusive and forgiving learning environments, so that Catholic education bears prophetic witness to the dignity of every human person. Help us to better build your kingdom through joyful service.*

*We make this prayer in the name of your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen. +*



## QUOTES – ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY

### Monday, September 4

NO QUOTE (LABOUR DAY)

### Tuesday, September 5

*Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in Heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to Heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.*  
~Deuteronomy 30:11-14

### Wednesday, September 6

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches, finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”*  
~Matthew 7:7-8

### Thursday, September 7

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”*  
~Luke 4:18-19

### Friday, September 8

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”*  
~Philippians 4:4-5

