

Selected Prayers for the Year, we Belong 2018-2019

Pastoral Plan Prayer

Loving God,
we believe that everyone is a gift
and belongs to your family
for we are made in your image and likeness.

As a community of believers rooted in Christ,
may we always celebrate your presence with us
and appreciate both the gifts and
responsibilities
of belonging to this community of faith.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
the intercession of Mother Mary,
and all the Saints,
may we become all you intend us to be—
a reflection of Christ in our world.

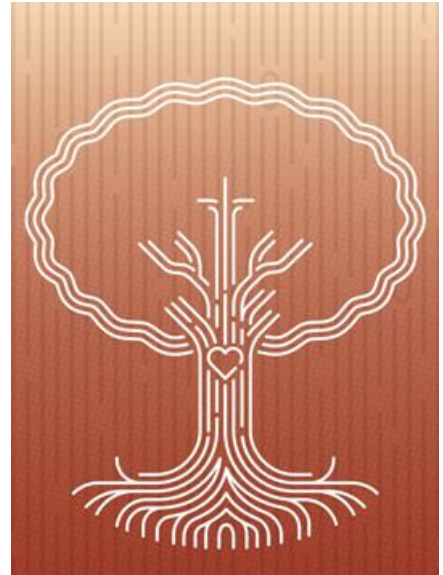
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



For our Neighbours

“Love your neighbour as yourself.” – Romans 13:9

Lord Jesus,
Every day as we travel to school
we see many other people
going to and from their homes.
Please bless these people
who are our neighbours.
Help us to remember
to smile at them when we meet.
Amen.



About Belonging

The 'tall tree' does not stand alone on the plain, but stands inside the forest.

Loving God,
Thank you for the gift of our school community.
Thank you for the teachers who care for us and help us learn.
Thank you for the friends who help us to know that we belong.
Amen.

For Families

God,
You are the Father of the whole human family.
You love each of us, and you love our families.
Please help those families that are going through a bad time.
Help me to be kind to everyone in my family,
even when I may not feel like it.
Amen.

Reflection: Who in your family can you help this week?

Respect for Differences

Almighty God,
You used a whole rainbow of colours
when you created human beings.
The people in my class have different eyes, noses, hair,
and different shaped faces to me,
but they are all your beautiful creations.
Help me to enjoy the differences between me and my friends,
not just in how they look,
but in how they think and speak.
It makes life so very interesting.
Amen.

Reflection: Can you name all of the different cultures at your school?

Responsibility for Others

“Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side.” – Pope Francis

Jesus,
You are my brother.
You are there for me when I am happy
and when I am sad.
Help me to be a caring person
to those around me,
at home and at school.
Help me bring your love to others every day.
Amen.



(Taken from: <http://www.caritas.org.nz/system/files/SJW2017%20Prayers%20%28Y1-4%29.pdf>)

A Prayer of Belonging

Loving God,
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.
Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed. (Psalm 139:13-16)

Lord, I choose to believe your Word of truth,
that I belong to You,
that I always have a home in Your blessed heart,
that every promise you have uttered in your Word is true for me,
that I am not an exception to your lavish grace and provision.
I belong to you and you belong to me.
Thank you.
Amen.

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A Prayer for Belonging to the Earth

Spirit of Life,
remind me of my deep belonging to this world.
May I know in my bones my true place in the family of Earth.
Just as the roots of a tree belong to the soil and microbes,
and the branches of that tree belong to the wind and birds that come to perch,
may I know my own deep roots and wide branches
as belonging to a greater forest of life.
As such, may I know regularly the gift of grace,
and act whenever I am able in service to the whole.
Amen.

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Prayer of Belonging

Father, I love you
I trust you, I believe in you
you are my father, I have no other
the One True God, there is no other like you
you are joy, peace, and love
and I am love's child.

All that I have comes from you
any power I have is yours
my peace is your peace
my joy is your joy
you hear my thoughts
you share my tears
and laughter.

Perfect loving Father
you make me feel like an only child
I am in you, and
you are in me
I belong to you, and
you belong to me forever.

Amen.

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