

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE  
MANY,  
WE ARE  
ONE**



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members, one of another.”  
(Romans 12:5)

## **Catholic Education Week May 15-19, 2023 Elementary Prayer Package**

Each year, the Catholic School Divisions in Saskatchewan engage in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year’s celebration is entitled, “Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One.” The theme was inspired by the Church’s synodal process and the ongoing recognition of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week. The five sub-themes for Catholic Education Week illuminate the path to being many and one:

Monday: **When we see / En voyant**

Tuesday: **When we listen / En écoutant**

Wednesday: **When we reflect / En réfléchissant**

Thursday: **When we learn / En apprenant**

Friday: **When we act / En agissant**

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**Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One**

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

*When we see / En voyant*

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*Introduction to the Week*

**Introduction to the Week:**

Each year, Catholic Schools in Saskatchewan participate in a week-long celebration to remember, promote and share the gift of Catholic Education. This year we will be taking time each day, with students and staff across our province, to pray together as disciples because “We Are Many, We Are One.”

This year’s celebration entitled, “Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One” is scheduled for the week of May 15 – May 19, 2023. The scriptural passage that guides our theme is, “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.”  
Romans 12:5

**Introductory Prayer:**

We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ.  
Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within;  
when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts;  
when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand;  
when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy;  
and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all,  
for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are.  
We are many, we are one.  
Amen.

**Call to prayer / Daily Theme:**

Today we are called to look at God’s creation with our hearts.  
God calls us to see the face of Christ in everyone around us. Today focus on the beauty around you. We can see God’s love for us in all He created with our eyes and with our hearts.

Our theme for today is” “**When we see – En voyant**”

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8  
«Heureux les cœurs purs, car ils verront Dieu.» Matthieu 5, 8

**Opening Prayer:**

Let us begin, acknowledging God’s presence among us... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus,  
You showed us how to see those who are blind, those who are small,  
those who are fearful and those who climb trees.  
We can see with our eyes.  
More importantly we can see with our hearts.  
You invite us to see with our hearts, to see deeper than the surface.

Guide us today to see with our eyes, our hearts and our minds.  
When our attention is called to someone or something,  
remind us to be loving, compassionate and kind.  
Then we will see like you see and we will be one.  
Amen.

### **Scripture:**

#### **A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

The Word of the Lord.

All Reply: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reflection:**

- Isaiah invites us to come and walk in the light of the Lord.  
Isaiah speaks of a time when nation shall not lift up sword against nation.  
His message is about peace and seeing all people walking together in light.
- Mother Teresa said **"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. I must tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."**
- **"Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; This is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor."** (Mother Teresa)

### **Closing Prayer:**

God of light,

Help us to know that when we see your children as ourselves,  
you bring us to a greater love.

Guide us to understand that when we see your creation as vital to our community,  
we support the wellbeing of others.

Empower us to believe that when we see ourselves as peacemakers,  
we can make the world a better place.

Give us grace in this week to truly walk in your light.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen. +

### **Call to Action:**

Take some time this week to look at God's creation with the eyes of your heart. God created us in his image to share his overflowing love, grace and goodness.

Where do you see Jesus today?  
Where do you see places of darkness in need of light?  
Where do you see someone suffering, sad or alone?  
How can you help someone in need today?

**Song Suggestion:** Open the Eyes OF My Heart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idQ1n3cdgfo>

### **Introduction à la semaine:**

Chaque année, les écoles catholiques de la Saskatchewan participent à une célébration d'une semaine pour apprécier, promouvoir et partager le don de l'éducation catholique. Cette année, nous prendrons du temps chaque jour, avec les étudiants et le personnel de toute notre province, pour prier ensemble en tant que disciples parce que « À plusieurs, nous sommes un ».

La célébration de cette année intitulée « Éducation catholique : À plusieurs, nous sommes un » aura lieu pendant la semaine du 15 mai au 19 mai 2023. Le passage scripturaire qui guide notre thème est :

« Nous qui sommes plusieurs, nous sommes un seul corps dans le Christ, et membres les uns des autres. » (Romains 12, 5)

À plusieurs, nous sommes un; nous formons tous un seul corps en Christ.

Seigneur, quand nous voyons quelqu'un devant nous, aidez-nous à respecter Ta présence qui l'habite;

Quand nous écoutons, aidez-nous à écouter avec notre cœur;

quand nous réfléchissons après chaque rencontre, aidez-nous à bien comprendre;

quand nous apprenons de ceux qui nous entourent, aidez-nous à respecter nos différences avec joie;

et quand nous agissons, aidez-nous à être gentils et généreux envers tous,

car chaque personne est un membre de votre corps.

À plusieurs, nous sommes un.

Amen.

### **Appel à la prière / Thème pour la journée:**

Aujourd'hui, nous sommes invités à voir la création de Dieu avec nos cœurs.

Dieu nous appelle de voir le visage du Christ dans tous ceux qui nous entourent. Aujourd'hui, faites attention à la beauté autour de vous. Nous pouvons voir l'amour de Dieu avec nos yeux et avec nos cœurs dans tout ce qu'il a créé.

Notre thème pour aujourd'hui est « When we See/ En voyant »

« Heureux les cœurs purs, car ils verront Dieu. » Matthieu 5, 8

### **La prière de la journée:**

Jésus,

Vous nous avez montré comment voir ceux qui sont aveugles, ceux qui sont petits, ceux qui ont peur et ceux qui grimpent des arbres comme Zachaeus.

Nous pouvons voir avec nos yeux

Même plus important, nous pouvons voir avec nos cœurs.

Nous sommes invités à voir avec notre cœur et à voir au-delà de la surface.

Guidez-nous aujourd'hui pour voir avec nos yeux, nos cœurs et nos esprits.

Lorsque notre attention est attirée par quelqu'un ou quelque chose, rappelez-nous d'être gentils et de nous soucier des autres.

Aidez-nous à voir comme vous voyez.

Amen.

**Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2023**

*When we listen / En écoutant*

**Call to prayer / Daily Theme:**

Yesterday Jesus asked us to look with the eyes of our hearts and not be stuck on how someone looks only on the outside. Today we are called to listen with our hearts before we speak.

As the old saying goes, we have two ears and one mouth because we need to listen twice as much as we need to speak.

Our theme for today is: **“When we listen” / “En écoutant”**

“Be quick to listen and slow to speak.” James 1:19

«Que chacun soit prompt à écouter et lent à parler.» Jacques 1, 19

**Opening Prayer:**

We pray to listen, heal and respond. Let us begin, acknowledging God’s presence among us... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Loving God, give us hearts that listen for Jesus, your Word,  
in the people and world around us.

Help us imitate the Good Samaritan,  
who does not turn away from suffering.

Help us listen.

May we listen to those who are bullied or lonely  
or pushed to the outsides of our communities.

Help us hear your voice in the stories of those on the margins.

Help us see what binds us together as one family..

Help us to heal and things that divide us from others!

Give us courage to stand in the place of others.

Open our hearts to celebrate diversity in the world and in one another.

Help us to seek reconciliation that our world may reflect justice.

**Scripture:**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (Matthew 7:24)**

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things,  
the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having  
authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reflection:**

- If God's word is the rock on which we build our lives. How well are you hearing God's words and acting or building on them? Are you like the wise person or the foolish one?
- Pope Francis points out, "We no longer engage in dialogue, but competing monologues." We may be good listeners, but are we truly hearing what is being said? Are we listening to fix and win arguments or to meet a person or Jesus in the world? How can you be a more patient listener; listening with both ears, being attentive and concentrating on the others' words rather than on your own responses?
- Good listening comes from a humble heart that sees others as more important than ourselves. ("Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3). Good listening focuses on the other first ("Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4). Do a heart check: are you really there for others?
- Amidst the noisy and constant voices around us, we must be mindful of the small voice within us and around us who is God. God's voice is what guides our words and actions. In what ways can you quiet your surroundings so that you might hear more clearly the Voice of truth who guides us on our way?
- Consider the following messages:

[Listening With the Ear of the Heart: Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Social Communications](#)

[Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 56th World Day of Social Communications: Listening With the Ear of the Heart](#)

**Closing Prayer:**

God of all time who is present now with us,  
We thank you for your presence within us.  
May we always have the wisdom to take the time  
to truly listen to you, and to follow your Word and act upon it.  
Help us to pay attention to the many ways you show yourself to us,  
for we know you are with us at all times.

May we hear your voice today, as it strengthens within each of us  
the desire to follow you and do your good work.  
Teach us to listen to your presence within as you guide, protect, and lead us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

**Amen. +**

## **Song suggestions:**

“Speak, O Lord” Keith & Kristyn Getty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU>

“Word of God Speak” Mercy Me [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JK\\_6osCH74](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JK_6osCH74)

## **Appel à la prière/ Thème pour la journée**

Hier, Jésus nous a demandé de regarder avec les yeux de notre cœur et de ne pas seulement nous en tenir aux apparences physiques des autres. Aujourd'hui, nous sommes appelés à écouter avec notre cœur avant de parler. Nous disons depuis longtemps, nous avons deux oreilles et une bouche car nous avons besoin d'écouter deux fois plus que nous parlons.

Notre thème aujourd'hui est: «When we listen / En écoutant»

## **La prière de la journée**

Nous prions avec le but d'écouter, de guérir et de répondre :

Dieu d'amour, donnez-nous des cœurs qui peuvent entendre et reconnaître Jésus et ta Parole, dans les gens et le monde qui nous entourent.

Aidez-nous à imiter le Bon Samaritain qui n'a pas été détourné par la souffrance.

Aidez-nous à écouter.

Aidez-nous à écouter ceux qui sont victimes de l'intimidation ou qui sont seuls ou poussés à l'extérieur de nos communautés.

Aidez-nous à entendre votre voix dans les histoires de ceux qui sont marginalisés.

Aidez-nous à voir ce qui nous unit dans une seule famille.

Aidez-nous à guérir et les choses qui nous séparent des autres!

Donnez-nous le courage de nous tenir à la place des autres.

Ouvrez nos cœurs pour célébrer la diversité dans le monde et dans les autres.

Aidez-nous à rechercher la réconciliation afin que notre monde reflète la justice. Amen.

**Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

*When we reflect/ En réfléchissant*

**Call to prayer / Daily Theme:** When we reflect / En réfléchissant

Our theme today is: We are many, we are one when we reflect. What does it mean to reflect? God gives us gifts to help us to grow and learn. When we reflect on the experiences that come our way, we grow. Help us to ponder the wisdom that we will see, hear and experience today.

“I considered these things inwardly, and pondered them in my heart.” Wisdom 8:17  
«J’ai raisonné ainsi en moi-même, j’ai pesé dans mon cœur les réflexions que voici...» Sagesse 8, 17

Let us begin with the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Opening Prayer:**

Let us begin, acknowledging God’s presence among us... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of grace and goodness,  
You gather us together as a community of faith to pray and to give thanks for the gift of a new day.  
As we begin this day, help us reflect on who we are and who You created us to be.  
Give us the wisdom to recognize You in our relationships with others.  
Teach us to be understanding and thoughtful in our actions and  
guide our actions to bring peace to our school, families, and the world.  
Touch our hearts as we approach this new day with respect and kindness.  
We ask this in Jesus’ name.  
Amen.

**Scripture: Sirach 6:34-37**

A reading from the book of Sirach.

Stand in the company of the elders: Who is wise?  
Attach yourself to such a one.  
Be ready to listen to every godly discourse,  
And let no wise proverbs escape you.  
If you see an intelligent person, rise early to visit him;  
Let your foot wear out his door.  
Reflect on the statutes of the Lord,  
and meditate at all times on his commandments.  
It is he who will give insight to your mind, and  
your desire for wisdom will be granted.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection:**

When we reflect on ‘We are Many, We are One’, we understand that everyone deserves to have what they need.

God created all of the children of the world. We live in many lands, we have many traditions and we speak many languages. He made each of His children unique and loves us all. Why do you think people are sometimes mean towards or are not accepting of others who are different from themselves?



Help us to know how to distinguish between our needs and wants. Guide us to think about how we can put the needs of others before ourselves and to reflect on the way we treat others. Sometimes we must make sacrifices to care for others and to understand their situations. Help us to reach out to children who are different from ourselves, for we are many and we are one.

**Closing Prayer:**

Jesus, you formed us as a community of faith so that we do not have to walk the path alone.  
Help us to reflect on your word so that we are guided on our journey.  
Thank you for showing us that when we reflect, we can do great things.  
Help us to love like you love and to trust that you are always with us.  
We ask this through the Holy Spirit. Amen. +

**Call to Action:**

Take some time today to quiet your heart and mind so that you can recognize the blessings that God has given you. Make a list of three things you are thankful for. What can you do to help someone else today?

**Song Suggestions:**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Kathleen Thomerson [https://youtu.be/sDzcZWa\\_YqQ](https://youtu.be/sDzcZWa_YqQ)

“The Summons” John L. Bell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU>

**Appel à la prière / Thème pour la journée:** When we reflect / En réfléchissant

Notre thème aujourd'hui est : À plusieurs, nous sommes un quand nous réfléchissons. Que veut dire le mot réfléchir ? Dieu nous donne des dons pour nous aider à grandir et à apprendre. Quand nous réfléchissons aux expériences que l'on rencontre pendant la journée, nous grandissons. Aidez-nous à méditer sur la sagesse que nous allons voir, entendre et rencontrer aujourd'hui.

**La prière de la journée:**

Dieu de grâce et de bonté,

Vous nous rassemblez en communauté de foi pour prier et pour rendre grâce pour le don d'une nouvelle journée.

En commençant cette journée, aidez-nous à savoir pour qui nous avons été créés.

Donnez-nous la sagesse de vous reconnaître dans nos relations avec les autres.

Guidez-nous à nous soucier des autres dans nos actions et

aidez-nous à créer la paix dans notre école, dans nos familles et dans le monde.

Touchez nos cœurs alors que nous commençons ce nouveau jour avec respect et gentillesse.

Nous vous le demandons au nom de Jésus.

Amen.

**Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2023**  
*When we learn / En apprenant*

**Call to prayer / Daily Theme:**

On this Ascension Thursday, we celebrate World Catholic Education Day as we continue to celebrate Catholic Education Week. At the time of his Ascension, Jesus told his followers to go and make disciples of all nations. This mission, given to us by Jesus, calls to mind our theme for this special week - We are Many, We are One. He asks us to make disciples of all nations so that the many can become one just as he and the Father are one.

Today's theme is *'We are Many, We are one... When we learn.'* As we pray today, let us remember that the greatest teacher, who teaches the most important lessons we need to learn, is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Let us begin, acknowledging God's presence among us...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Opening Prayer:**

Let us begin, acknowledging God's presence among us... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of peace and justice,

Open our hearts and minds to the beauty and wisdom of those around us.

Help us to create spaces of warmth, welcome, and acceptance where each and every person is valued and heard.

Guide us to see and celebrate our differences as opportunities for growth and learning.

Teach us to appreciate the many gifts and insights we can offer to each other as members of one faith community.

Sustain us as we work to build your kingdom here on Earth, making disciples of all nations.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:1-10 (CEV, Contemporary English Version)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

My child, you must follow and treasure my teachings and my instructions.

Keep in tune with wisdom and think what it means to have common sense.

Beg as loud as you can for good common sense.

Search for wisdom as you would search for silver or hidden treasure.

Then you will understand what it means to respect and to know the LORD God.

All wisdom comes from the LORD, and so do common sense and understanding.

God gives helpful advice to everyone who obeys him and protects those who live as they should.

God sees that justice is done, and he watches over everyone who is faithful to him.

With wisdom you will learn what is right and honest and fair.

Wisdom will control your mind, and you will be pleased with knowledge.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Reflection:**

As we heard, this morning's Scripture passage comes from the Book of Proverbs which uses many short teachings to help us learn how to be wise. As we grow, we have to learn many things. We have to learn about reading, writing, and mathematics. We may learn something special like how to play a musical instrument, the skills to play various sports, and

how to cook meals and bake. But learning how to please God is the most important thing every person needs to know. A wise person is someone who has learned how to please God. In this morning's passage, a father is giving advice for living a good life. Above all, the father says to be wise. God's gift of wisdom does two things: it guards us from evil, and it guides us to make right choices. The gift is ours if we want it. Just ask God.

### **Closing Prayer:**

God of love and infinite wisdom,  
Instill in us the courage it takes to seek and learn your truth so that we may become wise as you are wise.  
Then guide us into action.  
Open our ears and give us the ability to listen deeply to every voice—not just the loudest, but those voices that are not always heard.  
Open our hearts and provide us with empathy and foresight as servant leaders, to affirm, support, and empower one another.  
Open our minds that we might always act out of love, kindness, and respect.  
As we embrace your wisdom, inspire us to follow in the footsteps of your Son, learning his most important lessons, so that we may unite as one body in Christ.  
We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### **Call to Action:**

Pretend you are a wise parent, grandparent, or teacher talking to someone your age. What advice would you give for getting along with other people - especially those who may be difficult to like? What advice would you give for acting with love, kindness, and respect even when it is hard to do so? Then, follow your own advice!

### **Song suggestions:**

“Here I Am, Lord” Dan Schutte <https://youtu.be/Z4ATBaI7ycY>

### **Appel à la prière / Thème pour la journée:**

En ce jeudi de l'Ascension, nous célébrons la Journée mondiale de l'éducation catholique et nous continuons à célébrer la Semaine de l'éducation catholique. Au moment de son Ascension, Jésus dit à ses disciples d'aller faire des disciples de toutes les nations. Cette mission, qui nous a été confiée par Jésus, nous rappelle du thème pour cette semaine spéciale «À plusieurs, nous sommes un. » Jésus nous demande de faire de toutes les nations des disciples afin que la multitude devienne un peuple, comme Jésus et le Père sont unis.  
Le thème d'aujourd'hui est «Quand nous apprenons». Alors que nous prions aujourd'hui, souvenons-nous que le plus important enseignant, qui nous enseigne les leçons les plus importantes à apprendre, est notre Seigneur et Sauveur, Jésus-Christ.

### **La prière de la journée:**

Reconnaissons- nous la présence de Dieu parmi nous...  
Au nom du Père, et du Fils, et du Saint-Esprit. Amen.

Dieu de paix et de justice,  
Ouvrez nos cœurs et nos esprits à la beauté et à la sagesse de tous ceux qui nous entourent.  
Aidez-nous à créer des espaces d'accueil où chaque personne est respectée et entendue.  
Guidez-nous à voir et à célébrer nos différences comme des occasions de croissance et d'apprentissage.  
Apprenez-nous à apprécier les nombreux dons et idées que nous pouvons nous offrir les uns aux autres en tant que membres d'une même communauté de foi..  
Aidez-nous à construire votre royaume ici sur la Terre, en faisant de toutes les nations des disciples.  
Nous vous le demandons par le Christ, notre Seigneur. Amen.

**Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One**

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

*When we act – En agissant*

**Call to prayer / Daily Theme:**

On this last school day of Catholic Education Week, we are invited to think about '*when we act*'. All through the week, we were taught about seeing, listening, thinking and learning. Today, we need to use all of that to act as Jesus acted when he was helping many people or even one by themselves. We need to act to show our faith and belief in God.

In the bible, scripture, we can read: "I by my works will show you my faith." (James 2:18)

We all can work to help one another and by doing so show our faith ... our belief that God loves us and will always bless us with what we need.

**Opening Prayer:**

Let us begin, acknowledging God's presence among us... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God who acts in and through us,  
as we think about our world and its many needs,  
we ask to share in your wisdom and courage.

Help us to turn our prayers into actions,  
our hope into practice,  
our faith into witness.

May the gift of our differences lead us to a deeper unity,  
and may our efforts together on behalf of justice  
help to build up your kingdom of love.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Scripture:**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (Deut 30:10-14)

Obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees ... Turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 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?' 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?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

## **Reflection:**

In my own life, how do faith and prayer strengthen me and guide my actions for justice, peace and including others?

How do I overcome the times when I feel that I don't want to or am too tired to help others with what they are trying to do?

How can I be sure that what I do will make a difference? What are the small actions I can take that might make a big change in my life and in the world?

## **Closing Prayer:**

Jesus,

Thank you for always being part of our lives,  
showing us your love every day.  
Help us to use our words and actions to care for others,  
and for the earth and all its creatures.

When we talk about our faith,  
show us how to also put those words into practice,  
by caring and forgiving, by being generous and including others.

Help us to make loving choices,  
and to help your family to grow stronger every day.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

## **Call to Action:**

Today, try to count the times that you are doing something for yourself or others that makes you feel good, makes it better or happier for your friends. Think about how good it feels to do that work. This is when you are showing the love of God. This is when you are acting like Jesus would act. Remember, when we listen and see and learn and then do good things, we are sharing our faith with others.

**Suggested Song:** "Go Make a Difference", Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek  
<https://youtu.be/WDjQEoItGzQ>

## **Appel à la prière/ Thème pour la journée**

En ce dernier jour d'école de la semaine de l'éducation catholique, nous sommes invités à réfléchir sur le thème, «quand nous agissons». Tout au long de la semaine, nous avons appris à voir, écouter, penser et apprendre. Aujourd'hui, nous devons prendre la décision d'agir comme Jésus lorsqu'il aidait les autres. Nous devons agir comme lui pour démontrer notre foi et notre croyance en Dieu.

Dans la Bible, nous pouvons lire « Je vous montrerai ma foi par mes œuvres» (Jacques 2:18)

Nous pouvons tous aider les autres et célébrer notre foi et notre croyance en Dieu qui nous aime et qui nous donnera toujours tout ce dont nous avons besoin.

**La prière de la journée**

Dieu qui agit en nous et par nous,  
lorsque que nous pensons à notre monde et à ses nombreux besoins,  
nous vous demandons de partager votre sagesse et votre courage.

Aidez-nous à transformer nos prières en actions,  
notre espérance en pratique,  
notre foi en témoignage.

Que le don de nos différences nous amène à une unité plus profonde,  
et que nos efforts ensemble au nom de la justice  
nous aident à construire votre royaume d'amour.

Nous vous demandons tout cela par Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur.  
Amen.