**Secondary Prayers- Bilingual**

 **Catholic Education Week 2025**

***Pilgrims of Hope***

**Introduction**

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, “Pilgrims of Hope”. The five sub-themes for Catholic Education: *Pilgrims of Hope* are:

· *By honouring human dignity / Honorent la dignité humaine*

· *By caring for creation / Prennent soin de la création*

· *By responding to the poverties in our world / Luttent contre les pauvretés*

· *By serving in solidarity / Servant en solidarité*

· *By living as peacemakers / Vivent en artisans de paix*

**Morning Prayers and Daily Reflections**

**MONDAY – BY HONOURING HUMAN DIGNITY/ HONORENT LA DIGNITÉ HUMAINE**

*“Human* *dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.”* St. John Paul II

*« La dignité humaine est la même chez tous les êtres humains : quand je la piétine chez l'autre, je piétine la mienne.» Saint Jean-Paul II*

**INTRODUCTION**

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, “Pilgrims of Hope.”

The theme was inspired by our joyful celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year’s theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. With open hearts of love, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Jubilee year by being pilgrims of hope.

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week. The subtheme for today is “We are pilgrims of hope by honouring human dignity”

We are called to be brothers and sisters to each other and to love each other as we love ourselves. Let us pray.

Chaque année, les divisions scolaires catholiques de la Saskatchewan célèbrent pendant une semaine l’identité unique et les contributions distinctives de l’éducation catholique pendant la Semaine de l’éducation catholique. Cette année, la célébration s’intitule « Pèlerins de l’espérance ». Le thème s’inspire de notre joyeuse célébration du thème de l’année jubilaire 2025, « Pèlerins de l’espérance ». Le cœur ouvert et rempli d’amour, nous nous préparons à la célébration de l’année jubilaire en étant des pèlerins de l’espérance.

Il y a cinq sous-thèmes, un pour chaque jour de la Semaine de l’éducation catholique. Le sous-thème d’aujourd’hui est « Nous sommes des pèlerins de l’espérance en honorant la dignité humaine ». Nous sommes appelés à être frères et sœurs les uns pour les autres et à aimer les autres comme nous-mêmes.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Dear Lord,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and humility, recognizing the inherent dignity in every person You have created. Help us to see the sacred worth in all individuals, regardless of their background, beliefs, or differences.

Grant us the strength to treat others with kindness, respect, and compassion. May we honour the unique gifts and experiences of each person, understanding that we are all made in Your image. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

**LA PRIÈRE DE LA JOURNÉE**

Seigneur,

Avec un cœur rempli de gratitude et d'humilité, nous vous approchons en reconnaissant la dignité inhérente de chaque personne que vous avez créée. Aidez-nous à voir la valeur sacrée de chaque individu, quelles que soient ses origines, ses croyances ou ses différences.

Accordez-nous la force de traiter les autres avec bonté, respect et compassion. Aidez-nous à honorer les dons et les expériences uniques de chaque personne, en comprenant que nous sommes tous faits à votre image. Nous vous le demandons en votre nom saint. Amen.

**If time allows for deeper reflection, continue with the following:**

**SCRIPTURE: John 15:12-17**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

***Glory to You, O Lord.***

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**CONTEMPORARY READING AND SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti invites us to reflect on our shared humanity, emphasizing the importance of fraternity, solidarity, and the recognition of human dignity. In this document, the Pope calls for a world where we see each person not as a stranger or an obstacle, but as a brother or sister deserving of respect and care. It challenges us to live out the message of love, justice, and compassion in a society that often overlooks the marginalized and oppressed.

 **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

Pope Francis asks us to see ourselves in this story. How would we respond to seeing a neighbour in need on the side of the road?

Pope Francis observes that in our current society it is all too easy to be indifferent to the suffering of our brothers and sisters.

Read Fratelli Tutti, no. 64. Which of these persons do you identify with? This question, blunt as it is, is direct and incisive. Which of these characters do you resemble? We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak. Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still “illiterate” when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations until they affect us directly.

 **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us bring to mind the needs in our community. The response is, “Lord hear our prayer”

For the Church and its leaders, that our commitment to the Gospel leads us to deepen our faith and trust in God. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our world and its leaders, that all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God’s children. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all people of good will, that the entire human family may recognize our common bond to work for justice and the good of all peoples. We pray to the Lord.

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For our Catholic schools, that we show God’s mercy and love in the world. We pray to the Lord.

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For persons suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they know God’s loving presence through their caregivers, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

 **CLOSING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,

You have created each of us in Your image, bestowing upon us an inherent dignity that cannot be diminished. Help us, Lord, to recognize, honour, and appreciate this sacred gift in every person we encounter.

In moments of judgment, remind us of Your call to love one another and to lift each other up, especially those who are marginalized or oppressed. Let our words and actions reflect Your love, and may we be instruments of peace, justice, and understanding in our communities.

Guide us in creating a world where everyone feels valued, seen, and heard, and where human dignity is upheld at all times. Strengthen our hearts to advocate for the rights and well-being of all people, and help us to serve others with humility and grace.

We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

**LA PRIÈRE DE CLÔTURE**

Notre Père aux cieux,

Nous sommes tous créés à votre image, chacun enraciné avec dignité. Aidez-nous, Seigneur, à reconnaître et à apprécier ce don sacré en chaque personne que nous rencontrons.

Dans nos moments de jugement, rappelez-nous votre appel à nous aimer les uns les autres et à se soucier des autres, surtout ceux qui sont marginalisés ou opprimés.

Aidez-nous à refléter votre amour avec nos paroles et nos gestes et à être des instruments de paix et de justice dans nos communautés.

Guidez-nous pour créer un monde où chacun se sent valorisé, vu et entendu, et où la dignité humaine est respectée en tout temps.

Fortifiez nos cœurs pour défendre les droits et le bien-être de tous, et aidez-nous à servir les autres avec humilité et grâce.

Nous vous le demandons en votre nom saint. Amen.

**TUESDAY – BY CARING FOR CREATION/ PRENNENT SOIN DE LA CRÉATION**

**INTRODUCTION**

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. Today, our prayers will focus on the theme, “We are pilgrims of hope by caring for creation”

By celebrating the wonder and awe of nature, we renew our relationship with God, who walks with us on this journey of hope. Every step we take to care for creation is a step to help build a future of hope and harmony. As Pilgrims of Hope we are called to unite with others to protect every creature in God’s beautiful web of creation.

**OPENING PRAYER**

O Lord,

We honor you and praise you for the gift of life and the awesome responsibility you have given us to be good stewards of this earth, our home.

May we be ever mindful of the fragility and interconnectedness of all creation.

Help us to be wise in our use of resources.

Guide us to live in harmony with all creatures and preserve the beauty and goodness of the earth for ourselves and for all generations to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

 **LA PRIÈRE DE LA JOURNÉE**

Seigneur, nous vous remercions pour le don de la vie et pour l'immense responsabilité que vous nous avez confiées d'être de bons gardiens de cette terre, notre demeure.

Rappelez-nous à être conscients de la fragilité et de l'interdépendance de toute la création.

Aidez-nous à utiliser sagement nos ressources.

Guidez-nous pour vivre en harmonie avec toutes les créatures et préserver la beauté et la bonté de la terre pour nous-mêmes et pour toutes les générations à venir.

Nous vous le demandons par le Christ, notre Seigneur. Amen.

**If time allows for deeper reflection, continue with the following:**

**SCRIPTURE**

A reading from the Book of Job (Job 12:7-10, 13).

Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these, does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand, is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being… With God are wisdom and strength; he has counsel and understanding.

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

**CONTEMPORARY READING AND SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation…

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies…

In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to “renew the face of the earth” (cf. Ps 104:30).

Excerpted from “Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” 2023

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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For the Church and its leaders, that our commitment to the Gospel leads us to deepen our faith and trust in God. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our world and its leaders, that all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God’s children. We pray to the Lord.

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For all people of good will, that the entire human family may recognize our common bond to work for justice and the good of all peoples. We pray to the Lord.

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**CLOSING PRAYER**

O God we praise you, for the world sings of your infinite love.

Forgive us our failure to agree on a way forward to protect this earth and our children's future.

For the way the powerful shelter behind their wealth, while the poorest people are disregarded, and the earth is at breaking point.

Guide our leaders to set aside their own interests in the interest of us all and grant us all the courage to turn our concern into change.

Strengthen our faith, and let us never lose hope so together we may rise up responding to the urgent call of your people and all creation. Amen

 **LA PRIÈRE DE CLÔTURE**

Dieu, nous vous louons, et le monde réjouit dans votre amour infini.

Pardonnez-nous notre incapacité à nous mettre d'accord sur la meilleure façon de protéger la terre et l'avenir de nos enfants.

Pour la façon dont les personnes riches se cachent derrière leurs richesses, tandis que les plus pauvres sont ignorés et que la terre est au bord de la rupture, pardonnez-nous.

Guidez nos dirigeants pour qu'ils mettent de côté leurs propres intérêts au profit de nous tous et donnez-nous le courage de transformer nos pensées en actions. Renforcez notre foi et aidez-nous à ne jamais perdre espoir afin qu'ensemble nous puissions nous lever et répondre à l'appel urgent de votre peuple et de toute la création. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY – BY RESPONDING TO THE POVERTIES IN OUR WORLD/ LUTTENT CONTRE LES PAUVRETÉS**

*“Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone.”* Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit, §16

**INTRODUCTION**

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. Today, our prayers will focus on the theme, ““We are pilgrims of hope by responding to the poverties in our world”.

During this Jubilee year, we are reminded that God gives special priority and attention to the poor and that “the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone” (Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit, §16). During the Holy Year, Pope Francis is calling on all of us to be tangible signs of hope for our brothers and sisters who experience poverty. As followers of Jesus, we have a moral obligation to be his hands and feet to help others achieve their God given potential.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God, the source of our Hope,

We ask you to help us to imitate your Son who has concern for the poor and needy. Help us to be a sign of hope for those experiencing poverty and marginalization in our schools, local communities, and around the world as they struggle for justice.

Give us the courage and strength to bring about change and to call on our political leaders to recognize the plight of poorer nations and their peoples by reducing or eliminating their debt.

We ask you this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

**LA PRIÈRE DE LA JOURNÉE**

Dieu, source de notre espérance,

Nous vous demandons de nous aider à imiter votre Fils qui se soucie des pauvres et de ceux qui sont dans le besoin.

Aidez-nous à être un signe d'espoir pour ceux qui vivent la pauvreté et la marginalisation dans nos écoles, nos communautés locales et partout dans le monde, alors qu'ils luttent pour la justice.

Donnez-nous le courage et la force d'apporter le changement et d'appeler nos dirigeants politiques à reconnaître la situation critique des peuples des nations les plus pauvres en réduisant ou en éliminant leur dette.

Nous vous le demandons par notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ, votre Fils qui vit et règne avec vous et le Saint-Esprit, un seul Dieu pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

**If time allows for deeper reflection, continue with the following:**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-40**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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***The Christ of the Breadlines (wood-cutting, 1951) by Fritz Eichenberg ***

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

How does Eichenberg depict Jesus?

How is Eichenberg’s depiction of Jesus different from other images of Jesus you have seen?

What does “The Christ of the Breadlines” remind us of Jesus' closeness to those experiencing poverty or marginalization?

How does Eichenberg’s work relate to Matthew 25:31-40?

What does it look like to be a sign of hope for those experiencing poverty or who are marginalized? Use your understanding of Matthew 25:31-40, Eichenberg’s work of art, and your own experience to help you answer this question?

\*To learn more about Eichenberg and his art go to<http://sacredartpilgrim.com/collection/view/19>

 **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Creator God,

You remind us that Christian hope does not disappoint because it is grounded in the truth that nothing and no one can ever separate us from your love. As we celebrate this year of Jubilee, we are reminded that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone. We pray that we may be signs of hope in the world for those who are experiencing poverty. Inspire us with your Spirit of compassion, justice and truth to be generous and not look away from the faces of our brothers and sisters in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**LA PRIÈRE DE CLÔTURE**

Prions ensemble: Dieu Créateur,

Vous nous rappelez que l'espérance chrétienne ne déçoit pas, car elle est fondée sur la vérité que rien, ni personne, ne peut nous séparer de votre amour.

En célébrant cette année du Jubilé, nous nous rappelons que la bonté de la terre n'est pas destinée à quelques privilégiés, mais à tous.

Aidez-nous à devenir des signes d'espoir dans le monde pour ceux qui vivent en pauvreté.

Inspirez-nous par votre esprit de compassion, de justice et de vérité pour être généreux et ne pas détourner le regard des visages de nos frères et sœurs qui sont dans le besoin.

Nous vous les demandons par le Christ notre Seigneur. Amen.

**THURSDAY – BY SERVING IN SOLIDARITY/ SERVENT EN SOLIDARITÉ**

**INTRODUCTION**

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. Today, our prayers will focus on the theme, “We are pilgrims of hope by serving in solidarity”.

Christian solidarity means that we see ourselves instead as fundamentally connected to each other, part of something larger than ourselves, with responsibility for each other – and a vocation to help improve life for others. Mother Teresa of Calcutta often said that “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” Solidarity is about that profound sense of belonging, that realizes how inextricably linked we are to each other.

**OPENING PRAYER**

God our Creator,

You have formed all humanity to be a single family, united in your love and in care for one another.

In this Jubilee Year, deepen our sense that we truly do belong to each other, and that together we can work for a world where hope feels more realistic, where justice and peace are more evident.

Remind us of the hope that our baptism offers us, and help us to live in solidarity, in generosity and service, as we follow the one who did not hesitate to wash our feet, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**LA PRIÈRE DE LA JOURNÉE**

Dieu notre Créateur,

Vous avez formé toute l'humanité pour créer une seule famille qui se soucie des autres, unie dans votre amour.

En cette année jubilaire, aidez-nous à approfondir notre sentiment d'appartenance mutuelle et de travailler ensemble pour créer un monde où l'espoir paraît plus réaliste et la justice et la paix sont plus évidentes.

Rappelez-nous l'espérance que nous offre notre baptême et aidez-nous à vivre dans la solidarité, la générosité et le service, à l'exemple de celui qui n'a pas hésité de nous laver les pieds, Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur. Amen.

**If time allows for deeper reflection, continue with the following:**

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body… Therefore, if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

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

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

Today the hope that matters most has fallen on hard times… Our world of shrunken hope generates an abundance of lesser hopes. We recycle our garbage. We donate to environmental causes. We may even demonstrate against the endless war… The hope I am concerned with is not merely an attitude, or a mood, or a feeling… Rooted in human needs and longings, it attempts to change the world. In hoping, we are pointing to an objective future that we wish to see happen and anticipating that a certain state of affairs may come about. We act in the possibility that events may be smiling on us – that is, in circumstances in which our goals may actually be realized. Hope is neither a wholly subjective dimension of life nor a movement of events governed by iron laws. It is potency and possibility… Entailed in this shared modern sense of the good is a sense of possibility: it can be realized! (Ronald Aronson, We: Reviving Social Hope. University of Chicago Press, 2017)

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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For the Church and its leaders, that our commitment to the Gospel leads us to deepen our faith and trust in God. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Loving and faithful God,

You call your people to hope in you, to trust in your love, and to do so together.

May the ways we serve each other and our world inspire those around us with a vision of a hope that is real and genuine.

When despair threatens to drag us down, help us to lift each other up, in a spirit of true solidarity, as pilgrims on a shared journey of life and faith.

To you be all glory and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

**LA PRIÈRE DE CLÔTURE**

Dieu d'amour et de fidélité,

Vous rassemblez votre peuple à espérer en vous et à croire en votre amour.

Aidez- nous à inspirer, avec une vision d’espérance authentique, ceux qui nous entourent avec notre service mutuel les uns des autres.

Aidez-nous à soutenir les autres dans un esprit de véritable solidarité, comme des pèlerins sur un chemin commun de vie et de foi.

Nous vous offrons toute gloire et toute louange, maintenant et pour toujours. Amen.

**FRIDAY – BY LIVING AS PEACEMAKERS / VIVENT EN ARTISANS DE PAIX**

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God.”*

Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

**INTRODUCTION**

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. Today, our prayers will focus on the theme, “We are pilgrims of hope by living as peacemakers”.

Even in challenging times, Pope Francis reminds us that hope and peace can never be abandoned. Peace is cultivated through our prayers of unity and our actions of solidarity as we join in communion with the Church and one another.

 **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us Pray.

God, our source of joy and peace,

Guide our minds and fill our hearts with the hope You reveal to us each day.

Nurture our relationships and help us to journey together to Your blessed Kingdom.

May the flame of hope be enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and reawaken in us the blessed hope for the future. We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

 **LA PRIÈRE DE LA JOURNÉE**

Prions ensemble: Seigneur, source de joie et de paix,

Guidez nos esprits et remplissez nos cœurs de l'espérance que vous nous révélez de nouveau chaque jour.

Continuez à nourrir nos relations et aidez-nous à cheminer ensemble vers votre royaume béni.

Que la flamme de l'espérance soit allumée dans nos cœurs par le Saint-Esprit et réveille en nous l'espérance bénie pour l'avenir.

Nous vous le demandons au nom de Jésus. Amen.

**If time allows for deeper reflection, continue with the following:**

**SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 3:13-21**

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

I pray that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

From Pope Francis’ 2013 Encyclical Letter Evangelii Gaudium (On the Joy of the Gospel).

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus… I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy… I realize, of course, that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved… With this newness Jesus is always able to renew our lives and our communities, and even if the Christian message has known periods of darkness and… weakness, it will never grow old. Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us.

 **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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For the Church and its leaders, that our commitment to the Gospel leads us to deepen our faith and trust in God. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our world and its leaders, that all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God’s children. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all people of good will, that the entire human family may recognize our common bond to work for justice and the good of all peoples. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Catholic schools, that we show God’s mercy and love in the world. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For persons suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they know God’s loving presence through their caregivers, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Where there is joy, O God, we know you are present and at work. Give us eyes to recognize that holy joy around us, to be its instruments and its bringers where it is lacking. Without denying the injustices, brokenness and pain of our world, may we refuse to succumb to cynicism and hopelessness. May we be people who truly believe that our faith is Good News, and who allow it into our hearts and minds more and more each day. We rejoice, most of all, that you have loved us with an everlasting love, and that we share in Christ’s victory over sin and death, sadness and hurt. May our joy be real – and contagious – as we strive each day to love better and more generously.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

**LA PRIÈRE DE CLÔTURE**

Dieu, quand il y a de la joie, nous savons que vous êtes présent et à l'œuvre. Donnez-nous les yeux pour reconnaître cette sainte joie autour de nous, et pour être des instruments et des porteurs de joie là où il le faut.

Aidez-nous à être optimistes et encourageants, sans oublier les injustices, les brisures et la douleur de notre monde.

Aidez-nous à croire sincèrement que notre foi est une bonne nouvelle et à la laisser pénétrer chaque jour dans nos cœurs et nos esprits.

Nous nous réjouissons, par-dessus tout, que nous soyons aimés d'un amour éternel et que nous partagions la victoire du Christ sur le péché et la mort, la tristesse et la souffrance.

Que notre joie soit réelle – et contagieuse – alors que nous essayons chaque jour d'aimer mieux et plus généreusement. Nous vous le demandons au nom de Jésus. Amen.