

Evening Prayer for Educators, Learners & Students

Preparation

Opening hymn (all stand)

1. His name is wonderful; His name is wonderful

His name is wonderful; Jesus my Lord

He is the mighty King; Master of everything

His name is wonderful; Jesus my Lord

He is the mighty King; Master of everything

His name is wonderful; Jesus my Lord

2. He's the great Shepherd; The Rock of all ages;

Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him;

Love and adore Him;

His name is wonderful; Jesus my Lord.

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Leader: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Leader: May the God of wisdom, knowledge, and grace be with you always.

All: And also, with you

People sit or kneel

Leader: Father of all mercies, set our hearts on fire with a new love for Christ, that we may be alive to the opportunities of these times and bear our witness with urgency and zeal. Save us from complacency and from fear of new ways; inspire us to do your work in love and truth. Lord, help us to accept the challenge of Covid-19: to protect the healthy, calm the fearful; support the poor, console the bereaved. Loving God help us to establish your reign in our lives, that we may glorify you in our educational institutions, neighborhoods, communities and in our families, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Moment of Silence

Leader: We gather here this evening to ask God's blessing on these students and their teachers. Studies are hard, yet the reward is great - they lead to a knowledge of the world and of God. May God enlighten our hearts and minds as we listen now to the word of God.

All: Amen

The Word of God

Psalm 25: 1-7 (read by a learner)

Short Reflection: **Verse 4 "Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths."**

Reminds us: Jesus is the Way. He is the bright and shining Light that we are to follow – the perfect guide for life's journey. The way is very narrow, and sometimes obstacles are in the path. Get your eyes off the obstacles and the fact that the path is narrow – He is with you, always. Fix your eyes on Jesus Christ the Light. Follow His lighted paths in truth through, hard work, duty, worship and you will make it all the way.

New Testament Reading.

2 Timothy 2: 14 – 26 (read by an educator)

Short Reflection: 2 Timothy 2:15, tells us **Study hard and prove yourself.**

We should study and show God that we understand truth. This verse refers to knowing God's word and being able to point out false teachings and philosophies, but it applies to education as well. As a student, you should indulge yourself in your work and be the best you can be. Take your schoolwork classes and studies seriously by preparing for them and staying a step ahead in your work. School and student years can go by pretty quickly, and when it's all over, you want to look back knowing that you gave it your all. There are very few things in life that can never be taken away, will never go out of style, and that truly make you a better person. An education is one of those things.

Silence may be kept

Prayers

Leader: In every age you have raised up holy men and women to reflect the light of Christ and to teach us the way of holiness. We thank you for those who have been teachers in the school of Christ: give understanding to those who study the faith that the Church has handed on, and clarity to those who communicate the gospel in a changing world.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Listening God, we thank you for all those in further and higher education, those who teach and those who listen. Help them to be salt and light in places where they study and work, able to point people towards you through what they do and say. Fill them afresh with your Spirit.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Gentle God, we thank you for all those in our Church who nurture our faith and enable us to learn more about you. Help us to draw close to you as they study and prepare, and to be nourished themselves as they lead us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us

Leader: We pray for all administrative support and other staff in our schools, special need schools, homecare schools, colleges, universities and all other educational institutions.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

By: Archbishop Michael Jackson Dublin & Glendalough

Leader: Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in South Africa and across the world.
We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn
the loss of every person who has died as a result of the disease.
Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm in these days of uncertainty and distress.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown.

All: Amen.

An Evening Collect (*All say together.*)

Eternal God, you are the source of all life.
In darkness and in light in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father to trust your love,
to serve your purpose, and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(As Christ has taught us, in the language of our choice so we pray:)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1. As the deer pants for the water – verses 1 & 2 (All stand)

So my soul longs after You.

You alone are my hearts' desire;

and I long to worship You.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield

To You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my. Hearts' desire

And I long to worship You.

2. I want You more than gold and silver

Only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver

And the apple of my eye

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The Conclusion

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

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