

St Thomas of Canterbury

Catholic Primary School

Where every child is special



School Prayer Book

Making **S=P+A+C+E** for learning

The Sign of the Cross

*From
my head to
my heart*

*From
my shoulder
to my shoulder*

*I believe in you
O God,
my father*



We make this sign for two main reasons.

1. We want to make the sign of Jesus' Cross over us. This shows us that He loved us so much by dying on the Cross for us.
When Jesus died on the Cross, He took all our sins on Him.
Through Jesus' death on the Cross, we have our sins forgiven.
2. We bless ourselves in the name of the Trinity:
 - God the Father who created;
 - God the Son who came as a human being to die on the Cross for us;
 - God the Holy Spirit whose presence and power lives in us.

We shouldn't be careless when we make this special sign on ourselves.

We should think about God's love for us.

We should remember that God is within us – that He is always with us.

Prayers we say in school during the day

Morning Prayer:

Father in Heaven, you love me
You're with me night and day
I want to love you always
In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you Father,
Bless me through the day.
Amen.



EYFS:

Dear Jesus, help us to be
happy class, help us to be kind,
caring, share and take our turns.
Help us to listen carefully and
do our best, each day as we
work and as we play.
Amen.

Grace Before Meals:

Bless us O Lord as we sit together
Bless the food we eat today
Bless the hands that made the food
Bless us O Lord.
Amen.



EYFS:

Yum, yum, its dinner time,
thank you for our food.
Amen.

Grace After Meals:

Father, we thank you for the food we have eaten
We thank you for all our friends
We thank you for everything.
Amen.



Night Prayer:

God Our Father, I come to say
Thank you for your love today
Thank you for my family
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.



Our School Prayer

Dear Father,

We pray our school will be filled with love
We pray our learning will be full of truth
We pray our playground will be full of joy
We pray our friendships will be full of forgiveness
We pray our teachers will be full of wisdom
We pray our community will be full of hope
 May we run with your love
 Build on your truth
 Play with your joy
 Share your forgiveness
 Rest in your wisdom
 Every day

Amen

Our Partnership Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for the partnership of St Thomas of Canterbury and Busenya Catholic Primary Schools.
We thank you that through our partnership we come to know of your love for us and how to love others as you have taught us to.
We ask you to help us to continue to find ways to support and share with one another
We pray for your blessing and guidance for all children, families and staff of our two schools.

Amen

The Short Gloria

Glory be to the Father,

And to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be world without end



The Glory Prayer is a prayer of praise.

We praise God just because He is God.

He has always been there and He always will be.

This Prayer helps us to say: *“God – thank you for being you!”*

And God is a God of love.

Morning Prayers

- Lord, bless us all today and be with our families in what they have to do.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



- Father, thank you for our new day together.
Help us to remember that you are with us.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



- Lord, we need you!
Be with us through our day. Help us to treat each other with thoughtfulness and kindness.
Amen.



- Lord, there is so much to do each day in school.
Help us with all of it. May we not be selfish but always ready to help everyone else.
If you can guide us to do this, our day will be smoother and happier!
Amen.



- Father, we thank you for everyone in our class.
We are all different and we all have different gifts.
May we appreciate people who are different from ourselves.
You love us all. You love everyone.
Help us to love each other, through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Who art in Heaven

Hallowed by 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

Amen.

(An understanding of The Lord's Prayer)

God loves us

He watches over us

His name is holy

*May all of the things He wants to
happen on earth come to pass*

His will is done in Heaven

Give us food every day

*When we do not so good things forgive us and
we in turn will forgive those who have hurt us*

*Help us not to do unhelpful things
but delivery us from things that are unhelpful*

Lunch Time Prayers

- Yum Yum Lord, its lunchtime.
Thank you for the lunch we are about to have.
We appreciate our food.
We thank you for it.
Amen.
- Father, the morning has gone and now it's time for lunch.
Thank you for being with us all during our morning activities.
May the food we eat strengthen us for the afternoon.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
- Lord, bless us this lunchtime and bless the food we will eat.
Amen.
- Lord, our morning's work is over.
Thank you that we have the chance to be educated here in St. Thomas'.
If our mind has wandered a bit this morning, help us to concentrate better after our lunch for which we thank you.
Amen.
- Father, there are many children in the world who have very little food to eat.
Some children even have no food.
When we think about them, we know we are very blessed to have all the different kinds of food we have.
Thank you for today's lunch.
May we always be grateful through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
- Bless us O Lord as we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made that food
Bless us O Lord.
Amen.

Afternoon Prayers

- Lord, help us to do our work well this afternoon.
Amen.
- Father, thank you for the good time we had playing at lunch-time.
Help all of us in our class with what we have to do this afternoon.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
- Lord, help us to remember this afternoon that you are with us.
Amen.
- We have enjoyed our lunch, Lord, and our free time.
Help us to concentrate on our work now.
Amen.
- Father, not everyone has lunch, but we had.
Thank you.
Not everyone has a time to play and have fun, but we had.
Thank you.
Not everyone has a school family like ours, but we have.
Thank you.
For all these things we are grateful.
We thank you through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

End of the Day Prayers

- Father, we have come to the end of our school day.
Thank you for our time together in school and for everyone here in our class.
Bless us all as we head our separate ways now and bring us back safely together
on (*Monday, Tuesday, etc.*).
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
- Lord, we're tired now at the end of the day.
Bless us all and be with us as we go.
Amen.
- Lord, thank you for our work and activities today.
May we remember you go with us as we leave.
Amen.
- Father, may our day together have helped us to understand not just about
language and maths but about our love for us.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
- Lord, it's been good to be here in our class today but it's good to be going home
to just chill out and do what we want for a bit.
You are with us as we travel home and you watch over us always.
Thank you for this.
Amen.
- God our Father, we come to say,
Thank you for your love today,
Thank for my family and all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS

Prayer for Busenya Primary School

We pray for Busenya Primary School.
We pray for all the children and families and teachers.
Let our partnership continue to grow.
May we find ways to help each other.
Amen.

Prayer for a Sports Team

Lord, bless our (*netball, football, rugby, etc.*) team as we prepare to go out to train together.
Help us to listen and to learn.
Don't let us think that we know everything about our game.
Make us eager to understand how we can improve our game in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
Amen.

Prayer before a Game

Lord, help us in this game to play well, remembering all we have been taught in our practices.
May we want to do our best and may we be eager to win this game.
Let us play fairly and cleanly.
Give us appreciation for the other team when they play well.
Although we might be a bit nervous, help us to have fun in our sport.
Bless us as we go out to play our game.
Amen.

General Prayer

Father we pray that somehow we will see that we have got things back to front;
We should learn to talk - not fight,
Help - not hurt,
Give - not take,

And love - not hate.
Then we will have hope for a better future together.
Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God,
because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you
and by the help of your grace,
I will not sin again.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of the womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

