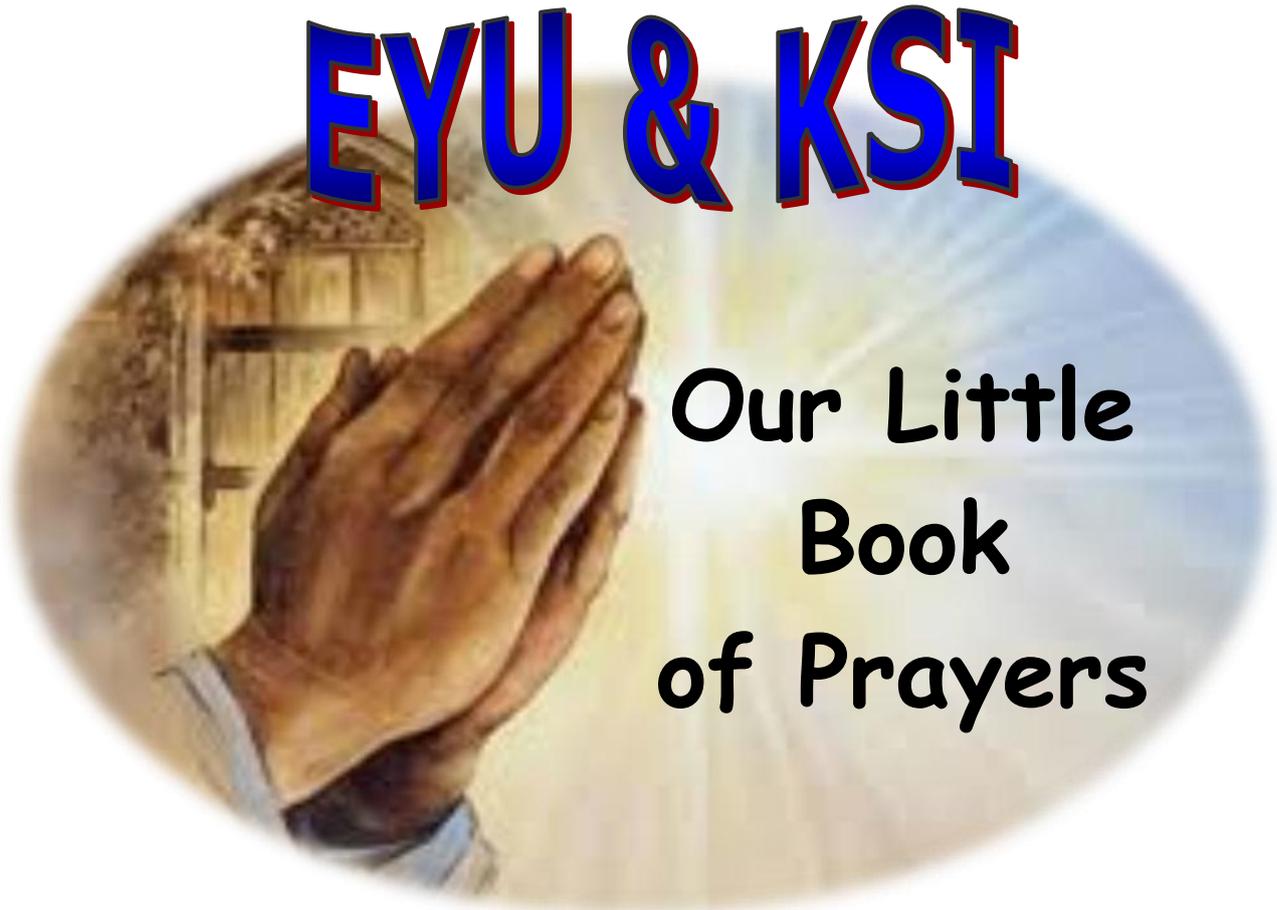


St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

"We live in God. We walk with God. We are in God."

taken from ACTS 17:28

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Our Little Book of Prayers

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Welcome to our **Early Years & Key Stage 1** prayer book –

We hope that you will enjoy praying with your children as much as we do within our school community.

Prayer is a shared experience, a conversation with God and we all have our own way of ‘talking and listening to God’. There is no ‘right’ way to pray !

Enjoy the experience of praying with your child.

These are traditional prayers that are said regularly in our school parish community.

Please help your child to become familiar with them.

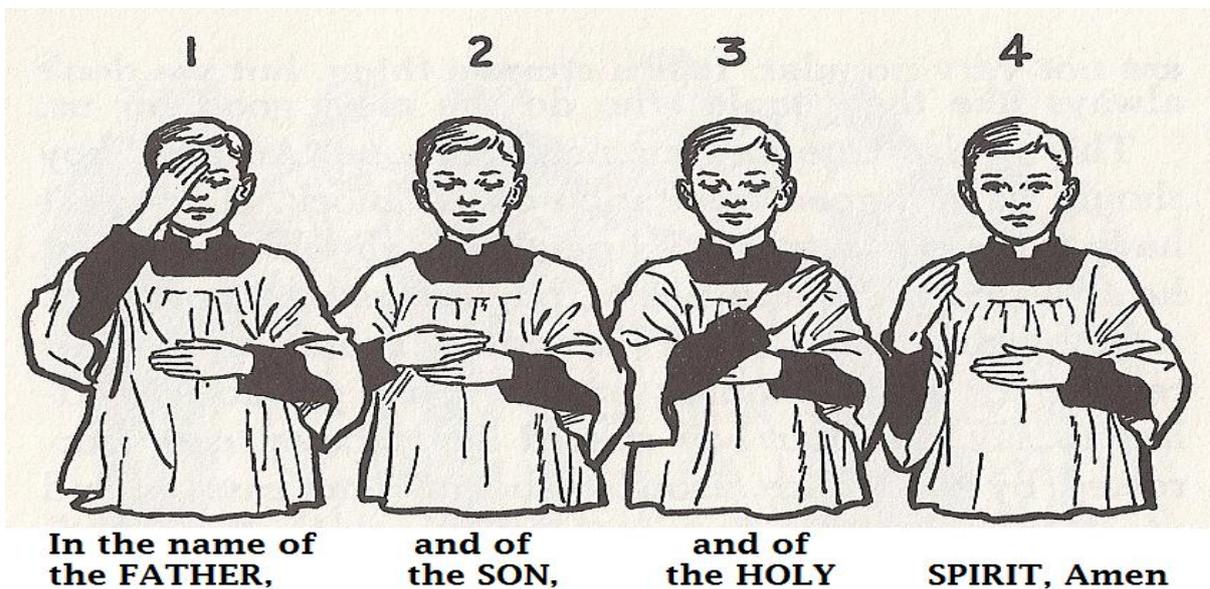


The sign of the Cross

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



Actions to teach your child – with their right hand (1. touch your forehead – “In the name of the Father”, (2. touch your heart) “and of the Son” (3. touch your left shoulder) “and of the Holy” (4. touch your right shoulder) “Spirit” (join your hands)
Amen



An alternative way to teach your child the sign of the cross:
“From my head to my heart, from my shoulder to my shoulder, I belong to God”.

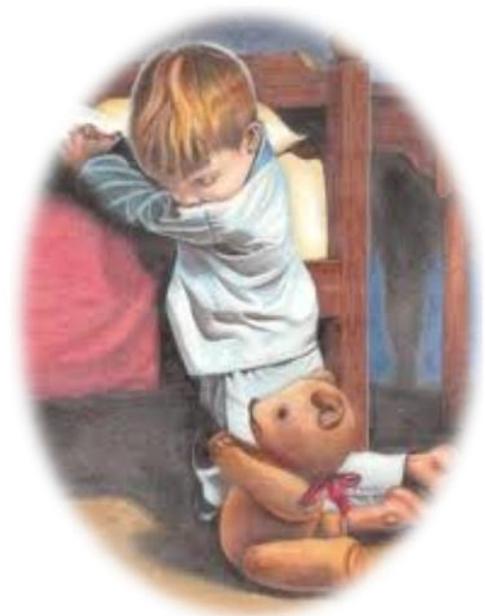
Morning Prayer

Thank you God for this new day,
In my school to work and play.
Please be with me all day long,
In every story, game or song.
May all the happy things we do
Make you Father happy too.
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



Prayer before meals

Bless us O God as we sit together,
Bless the food we eat today,
Bless the hands that make the food,
Bless us O God.
Amen



Prayer after meals

Thank you God for the food we have eaten,
Thank you God for all my friends,
Thank you God for everything.
Amen



Our Father

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.

Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen



Glory Be

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.
Amen

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them,
May thy rest in peace.
Amen



In addition to the traditional prayers that we say – we use everyday situations to ‘talk to God’ ...

For example, night prayer is very important – the close of the day is an opportunity to share a quiet time with your child / children and to thank God for the gifts or challenges of the day.



We encourage children to say thank you to God :



Thank you God for a lovely day, thank you God for my family, thank you God for

We have also included some of our own favourite prayers which you may like to use.

Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide me.
Amen



Circle Me

Circle me O God and keep me safe
Circle me O God and let me know you love me
Circle me O God and let you know you care for me
Circle me O God, and let me know you are with me

** this could be used as a circle 'us' prayer



These pages are for you to write your own prayer, a chance for you to talk to God in your own words. It could be a “thank you” prayer or a prayer to say “sorry” it’s up to you.

The Sculptors

**I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was teacher;
The tools he used were books, music and art,
One a parent,
With a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was loving and sure;
While the parent laboured by his side
And polished and smoothed it over;
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed he would have failed,
If he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher,
The home.**