

Appendix 2a

Prayers of Intercession (Primary Schools)

Read the prayers below pausing for a moment before saying ‘*Lord in your mercy...*’

The response for all is in bold: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer 1

We pray for the Church and especially Church leaders who were inspired to build Catholic schools for us so that we can learn about you and grow in mind, body and spirit. Help us remember that as we gather together in your name, you are always with us.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer 2

We pray for children in parts of the world who do not have the same opportunities to learn, and those who cannot go to school because of fighting in their country. Please guide world leaders to work for peace and make the gift of learning open to everyone.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer 3

We pray for our school and all our local Catholic schools [You may like to list your local Catholic schools]. Thank you for helping and inspiring our school leaders, teachers, and all adults in our school community to look after us, teach us and help us to grow in your love.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer 4

We pray for all the children and young people in our parish and in our school. Fill us with hope, courage, and determination to face new and exciting challenges and experiences as we start our new school year.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer 5

We pray for all those in our school and parish community who are ill or finding things difficult. Fill them with your comfort and hope. Bless those who care for them with the gifts of gentleness and patience.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer 6

We pray for those who have died, especially those from our parish. May they find peace with you in heaven. Bless and comfort their families and give them your peace.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.