

# Staffroom Prayer

## Prayer Leader Sheet



## Come Lord Jesus, Amen.

This is the prayer from the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. You are invited to come to this time, peace and space freely.

As you take this moment to ready yourself to receive the Word of God you are invited to stay with the words 'Come Lord Jesus, Amen'

### MUSIC (1 min 30 secs)

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Mark

*Jesus said to His disciples:*

*"In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too He will send the angels to gather His chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.*

*Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that He is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

*But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."*

### PAUSE (20 secs)

Jesus uses the phrase, 'I tell you solemnly', to emphasise that He is speaking on his own authority - something that set him apart from being just like anyone else. He speaks with the authority of his Father, as the Son. When He speaks, He speaks truth, and His words will not pass away – they are for our time and for all time.

In this time and place, are you ready to listen to Jesus?

### PAUSE (1 min)

Jesus speaks of the end times – a time that can seem scary or strange to think about. Jesus' words are truth; he will come again, we don't know when, but we can be confident in his love.

In these uncertain times, will you have faith? 'Come Lord Jesus, Amen'

### PAUSE (1 min)

Our culture values self-reliance and promotes the belief that we shoulder our burdens in our own strength. This Gospel reminds us that our true source of strength is the love of God. Jesus' words are truth. Jesus will come again. When He does return, He will come in great power and glory; in Jesus there is nothing to fear or doubt.

Is your heart ready for Him? 'Come Lord Jesus, Amen'

### PAUSE (1 min)

Jesus' message is challenging but His words are truth and hope; they are relevant to today's pressures and the needs. Take a moment to privately offer any prayers on your heart for yourself, a family member, a friend, your school, a colleague, a pupil or their family. Father, we ask for freedom from the uncertainties and concerns of daily life.

Lord Jesus, I put my trust in you 'Come Lord Jesus, Amen'

### PAUSE (1 min)

As we prepare to return to our week, take this moment to hear and know that the Father has a great love for you and that His Son came, so that you might know his love. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with joyful hope, as we say:

*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.*