

Monday, May 10 *Hope in Our Hearts*

Leader: On this first day of Catholic Education Week, we celebrate hope in our hearts.
Hope is our trust that God offers the kingdom of heaven
and eternal life as our happiness.
Hope is the confidence that God will always be with us,
make us happy now, and help us to live
so that we will be joyful with God forever.
Hope keeps us from becoming discouraged
and helps us during difficult times.
God's almighty power, never-ending goodness
and faithfulness to His promises are the pillars of our hope.

In this place, gathered in God's name,
we become quiet and still
to reflect on the hope in our hearts, as we begin.

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.
O God, our Creator and Lord,
You are our hope and our light.
We are Your people, a people of hope.
Bless us, O Lord, and send Your Spirit upon us.
It is through our love and caring that You give us hope
and we bring light to each other.
Help us, O Lord, to make our hearts centres of light;
hearts of sharing, of learning, and of giving.
May Your love inspire us and Your light guide us.
May the hope in our hearts grow
as we rejoice in the journey that brings us closer to You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Tuesday, May 11 Hope in Our Homes

Leader: Where is “home” for you? Where do you find comfort and support? Who are those people in your life that witness to hope? Let us turn our attention today to the places we go to in order to be filled with hope.

In this place, gathered in God’s name,
we become quiet and still
to reflect on the hope in our homes, as we begin:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.
O God, our Creator and Lord,
You are our hope and our light.
We are Your people, a people of hope.
Bless us, O Lord, and send Your Spirit upon us.
It is through our love and caring that You give us hope
and we bring light to each other.
Help us, O Lord, to make our homes centres of light;
homes of sharing, of learning, and of giving.
May Your love inspire us and Your light guide us.
May the hope in our homes grow
as we rejoice in the journey that brings us closer to You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Wednesday, May 12 Hope in Our Parishes

Leader: Today, we pray for hope in our parishes. Our parish is where we gather as the Body of Christ to worship and give praise to God. Through the Sunday Eucharist, we are fed by God's holy Word and the Body and Blood of Christ to become His hands, heart and feet.

In this place, gathered in God's name,
we become quiet and still
to reflect on the hope in our parishes, as we begin.

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.
O God, our Creator and Lord,
You are our hope and our light.
We are Your people, a people of hope.
Bless us, O Lord, and send Your Spirit upon us.
It is through our love and caring that You give us hope
and we bring light to each other.
Help us, O Lord, to make our parishes centres of light;
parishes of sharing, of learning, and of serving.
May Your love inspire us and Your light guide us.
May the hope in our parishes grow
as we rejoice in the journey that brings us closer to You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Friday, May 14 *Hope in Our World*

Leader: As students in Catholic schools, we go out into the world to colour it with the joy of hope, acts of love and compassion, and the ongoing work toward social justice. As this Catholic Education week ends, let us keep our eyes set on the goal of how Christ wants us to live. Let us always be the hands, heart and feet of Christ in our world.

In this place, gathered in God's name,
we become quiet and still
to reflect on the hope in our world, as we begin.

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.
O God, our Creator and Lord,
You are our hope and our light.
We are Your people, a people of hope.
Bless us, O Lord, and send Your Spirit upon us.
It is through our love and caring that You give us hope
and we bring light to each other.
Help us, O Lord, to make our world open to your light,
so we will be a world of sharing, of learning, and of serving.
May Your love inspire us and Your light guide us.
May the hope in our world grow
as we rejoice in the journey that brings us closer to You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.