

New Academic Year 2019 - 20

Theme: “Go and Do Likewise” (Lk. 10: 37)

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Introduction: A very good morning and a warm welcome to this prayer service; during which we will thank God for the year gone by with all its goodness, successes, joys as well as challenges that made us stronger beings. As we step into this new academic year 2019-20 and start a new part of our journey with friends we know and friends whom we will meet on our journey whose presence will add to our numerous blessings. Lord we ask you to give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. As we begin this new academic year help us walk in your footsteps and play our role in the journey of life likewise.

Prayer: God of our past, our present and our future, help us believe in you as we journey through this new scholastic year. Enlighten our minds so that we may see life through your eyes; open our hearts and ears to hear your gentle voice speaking to us. May your Word be a lamp to our feet taking us along the path of 'life'. Amen.

Hymn: To be like Jesus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrGYoa0-7eI>)

Gospel: Lk. 10: 30 - 37

Reflection: Jesus at the end asks a question: which of the three made himself neighbor? (V 36) Do not try to figure out who is your neighbor but listen instead to the call within you and become neighbor, be close to your brother or sister in need. Through this parable let us ask for God's grace to imbibe the quality of sacrificial kindness so that we may act according to God's will.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Let our response be: Lord help us to walk in your footsteps.

1. Lord as we welcome this new academic year may we open our hearts and minds to be your chosen ones to spread goodness. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**
2. We pray for all the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of our school that they may be able to work together as a family to accomplish all the goals. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**
3. We pray for all those under privileged children in our world who because of their poverty are unable to attend school. May we never take for granted the gift of education. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**
4. We pray that our school will always be a place of welcome, where all students, staff and parents feel valued and loved. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Our Father: keeping all our needs and prayers in mind let us recite the prayer Our Savior taught us.

Concluding Prayer: Lord we thank you for this new school academic year 2019-20 we praise and worship you for all that you have given us. We ask you to fill us with your wisdom and your spirit of joy, help us to grow in mind and body. Lord inspire us to do our best this year. We make this prayer in your name. Amen.