

Daily Prayers

Prayers for a New Academic Year

(These prayers can be used for the first two weeks of the opening of school)

1

Good and Loving God, today we thank you for the gift of this school year. Help us always appreciate the opportunity to learn. We are thankful for the gift of our school community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May we never take our education for granted. As we start this new academic year, help us to do our best in our studies, sports and in all activities. Bless our teachers, staff, and coaches. We ask in union with the God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell. Inviting Christ Into the Classroom by Betty Manion, Liguori Publications)

2

Dear Lord, a new year means new opportunities for us to grow as leaders. Help us to be leaders in our classrooms, in our school, and in our world. Give us the gifts needed so we can grow into leaders who are wise, patient, compassionate and speak up for others. As Jesus was the perfect leader, guide our minds and hearts to act as he did. Help us see every moment to be a leader for all our fellow students at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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3

Dear Jesus, new beginnings give us a time to make new friends. You taught us that friendship means caring for others with our heart and soul. Help us to treasure our old friends and give us the courage to reach out to those we don't know to make new friends. We also ask you to help us to see our fellow students uniquely gifted with the talents given especially to each one of us. May we use these gifts as we all work together as one community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. (Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell. Inviting Christ Into the Classroom by Betty Manion, Liguori Publications)

4

Creator God, as we begin a new year, bless our school, our teachers, our classrooms and all our fellow classmates so that our school will be a place of learning and love. Help our teachers to do their best and guide us to be the best students we can be. May our campus and classrooms be places of radical hospitality, filled with excitement, blessings, and joy. May our minds and our hearts be filled with the knowledge of you, that we may grow in faith and witness that faith to all we meet. May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Amen.

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Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body, mind, and heart. At the beginning of this new school year, we ask you to bless us, our parents, teachers, and leaders of our CMCP educational community. May we grow in faith, hope and love as we learn from you and each other. Expand the horizons of our minds and allow us to use the gifts and talents you have given us; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Grant all these things we pray. May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayer for the Start of the School Year, Archdiocese of New Orleans)

Monday

1

Creator God, you made us, and you love us. As we begin this week, we ask you to help us use the minds you have given us to learn and to study effectively. May we learn with humility and grace and may we grow in wisdom as well as knowledge. Let us always live a life of integrity in everything we do, especially in the world, in our community and here at CMCP. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

2

Compassionate God, as we begin this new week of learning, bless us as we read, listen, think, and discuss these subject matters. Give us the skills to learn effectively and efficiently and use the knowledge that I have gained to live as a child of God. Please help me to remember You are the God of peace and justice. May you equip me with everything that is good so that I may do your will in everything I do. Work in me, that I may be pleasing in your sight. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

3

God of Heaven and Earth, sometimes, Mondays can be a hard day. Yet Mondays could be the beginning of a new adventure— the new challenge of a week filled with potential. So, today I pray you would help me to embrace this day. Let it be a new day filled with wonder. Show me the joy of the embrace with loved ones, not the tensions and troubles. Monday need not be the grudge day to be endured but the fun day to be embraced. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted - prayer courtesy of www.prayerescapes.com)

4

Wonderful Counsellor, You possess infinite riches of wisdom, goodness and power. Bless me with the ability to concentrate and learn using the gifts and talents you have given me. You have said that apart from you I can do nothing but with you I can do everything. Please help me to rely on you in my studies rather than putting pressure solely on myself. May I always know the freedom of your spirit. May grace, mercy, and peace be with me today and always. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

5

Dear Jesus, today we gather, and we ask you to bless our school, our teachers, our staff and all the students who attend Chaminade-Madonna. Help our teachers do their best as they guide us to be the best students possible. May our classrooms be a place of hospitality, compassion, excitement, and joy. And most of all, may we live our Catholic-Marianist identity to the best we can do today, tomorrow, and always. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Amen.

Tuesday

1

Lord, on this day we choose to put You first. We know that when we remember that You are at the center of our school community, our lives are rich with love and goodness. May this day be a gentle time of love and kindness shown to my fellow classmates and all our teachers. To all my friends and family love that helps us grow. Let Tuesday prompt my heart to place my life in You. And we ask Mary, the first disciple to give us wisdom and courage to follow you always. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Amen.

(Adapted - prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

2

Dear God, today, we thank you for the amazing world you have made, and we ask you to help us care for every aspect of your creation.

- Thank you for the wonders of physics, medicine, and astronomy. Help us to engage with each facet of the universe.
- Thank you for the power of the creative arts. Help us to pioneer new vision and sounds in our generation.
- Thank you for our incredible minds and bodies. Help us to become all we could be as individuals.
- Thank you for our family, friendships, community, and relationships. Help us to accept, nurture and forgive one another.
- Thank you for all these great things in our lives. May we play our part in bringing peace, prosperity, and justice to all.

May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen. Amen.

(Adapted - prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

3

Everlasting Creator God, we thank you that you are perfectly faithful; you never forget, never fail, and never take back a promise. You have promised that those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Please bless me in my studies. Give me a clear mind and help me to focus and concentrate that I may use the gifts you have given me to the best of my ability. And may the Characteristics of Marianist Education be instilled in my heart. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

4

Dear God, bless each of us in our vocation as learners and disciples. May we be willing to accept the invitation that Jesus offers his powerful words: "Come, follow me." May all our

choices reflect a positive response to this invitation and may we each be true disciples of Jesus and Mary. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from 500 prayers for Catholic Schools Parish Groups)

5

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Always allow me to work towards, Peace, Justice, and the Integrity of your Creation. Send your Spirit upon us and fill us with your wisdom and blessing. Grant that we may devote ourselves to our studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from [*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*](#))

Wednesday

1

Lord on this day of the week I recall the strength of the Trinity in my life. Thank you for the strands that hold me safe in God our Creator, the redemption and grace in Jesus our Savior, and freedom and hope through the Holy Spirit. May Wednesday be a dwelling day, held up on Abba's knee; Following in the path of Christ; With God's Spirit I'm set free. May I never forget all the blessings you have given me and may I have the courage to use those blessings to create a better community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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2

God of wisdom, today we ask You to help each of us in our desire to seek knowledge for the sake of service. May we see our Catholic-Marianist education to help others for the foster the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Increase our desire to embrace all the Characteristics of Marianist Education as we work toward solidarity, dignity, and the peace for each person. May we never forget those who are less fortunate than we are and may they find dignity of purpose. As Mary, the Mother of Jesus says to all of us, "Do whatever He tells you," may we have the ears to hear whatever you tell us. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from 500 prayers for Catholic Schools Parish Groups)

3

Lord, you walk beside me, You are always there.

Come be in my walking. Go with me everywhere.

Lord, Your hand will lead me Your light will show the way

Come be in my thinking and be my guide today.

Bless my day and all those I will come in contact with.

May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted - prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

4

God of the Universe, today we thank you that your work is perfect, your ways are just, and you are a God of faithfulness. You have told us that all prayers are answered and so I ask for blessings in my studies. May I work hard, effectively and with a positive attitude towards my teachers and fellow students. May we all grow as a school community as we live you the Characteristics of Marianist Education. May the love of the God the Creator, the tenderness of God the redeemer, and the presence of God the Spirit, gladden my heart and bring peace to my

soul, today and for all days. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.
(Adapted from ConnectUS)

5

Dear Lord, we give you thanks and praise for our school community here at Chaminade-Madonna. We ask you to bless us with hope for a brighter future and give us friendship in our hearts. Bless our teachers, our friends and all those who help provide us with a great education. And help us to use all our learnings to work towards a better world. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Thursday

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Lord on this day I remember that You go before me, so I pause to meditate on Your promises. Thank You Lord that You always go with me, laying a pathway, and watch over me like a shepherd. So, I give You my fears, worries and anxieties. I pray that today is a day filled with hope and light; A day that quiets all anxious thoughts. Bless our educational community here at Chaminade-Madonna and may all of us, faculty, staff, administration, and our fellow classmates always remember to remember your promise that you are always with us. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted - prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

2

Almighty God, we thank for this beautiful day. Today, we ask you to give us wisdom and understanding in the subjects I am studying. Help us to retain the information that we are learning and may we grow in the grace and knowledge of that all our learning is to make the world a better place. Allow all of us to live out the Characteristics of Marianist Education the best way we can. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. And May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

3

Creator God, you began a good work in each of us when we were born. Help us to know our gifts, deepen our understanding of them, develop them and share them with others. As we use our gifts, guide us to be your unique servant for the betterment of our Chaminade-Madonna Educational Community. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell. Inviting Christ Into the Classroom)

4

Lord of the Nations, I thank you today that your word revives my soul, gives wisdom to my mind, and produces joy in my heart. As I study, I ask that you fill my mind with wisdom and fill my heart with happiness. Your word always says that in all things, you will supply all that I need. As I study, I pray that God, The Creator prepare my journey, that Jesus the Son guides my footsteps, and the Holy Spirit watch over me, on every path that I follow. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

5

Lord God, Creator of our human family, You created all human beings in dignity:
Pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
Dialogue, justice, and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a
world without hunger, poverty, violence, and war. May our hearts be open to all peoples and
nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have shown in each
of us, forging bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. May the Father, and the
Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* – Pope Francis)

Friday

1

Dear God, we only imagine how big You are by looking at the world You created. You are present in each of us beyond every race and culture, every language and religion. Aid us to appreciate all that You have created. Help us to see Your presence in each of us as we continue to build a true educational community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May we always work towards living out our “radical Hospitality” that we possess. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers Before the Bell. Inviting Christ Into the Classroom)

2

Loving Creator, I thank today that you are my creator, and you know me better than anyone else. Help me to use the mind you have given me to learn and study effectively. May I learn with humility and grace. May I grow in wisdom as well as knowledge. Let me live a life of integrity in everything I do so I may love out the Characteristics of Marianist Education to the fullest. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

3

God of all gifts, thank you for the blessings you have given us. May we always use our gifts and talents in a way that demonstrates kindness, humility, and compassion. May we continue to do our part in developing our gifts for the good of our all our classmates and our educational community here at Chaminade-Madonna. Keep our hearts and minds open to the direction of the Spirit, who calls us to celebrate our gifts by sharing them with others. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from 500 prayers for Catholic Schools Parish Groups)

4

Name above all Names, today I thank you and ask you to guide my steps on your path. Guide my mind and my thoughts as I study today. Bless my teachers as they help me to learn, not only the subject matter but also the lessons in life I need to become the person who have created. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I can focus and concentrate on the work I must do. Clear my mind of all distractions and concerns. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from ConnectUS)

5

Lord on this day I am aware of the troubles and darkness in our world. In a special way, I pray for my world, my nation, my family and friends and my school community here at Chaminade-Madonna. I do believe You are the light that shines in the bleakest times. May those who suffer be comforted, may those who are at war search for peace, and may those who are in pain find healing. Most of all, today I pray for the strength and courage to help work towards a world of peace, justice and honoring the integrity of your creation. May Mary, our Sister in Faith and our Model for Discipleship be with us this day and always. May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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