

# FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints  
Catholic Academy Trust



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Harvest is a time to give thanks to God for the food and good things that He provides for us in the world He lovingly created for us.

It helps us to remember that not everyone has as much as we do and during Harvest, we, as Catholics, are challenged to be generous to others and help those in need.

It also reminds us of God's faithfulness in continuing to provide for humanity.

Harvest acts as a wonderful reminder to us that as part of our stewardship of the earth, we are called to care for the planet that God gifted us, so it can continue to be fruitful and provide us with all we need for many years to come.

## *Opening Prayer*

God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## *Gospel Reading*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

*Luke 13:18-20*

One day Jesus was trying to find a way to teach his followers about the Kingdom of God. He said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? What can I compare it to? He thought for a moment and then he told this very short story/parable. "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which a man took and threw into his garden; it grew and became a

tree, and the birds of the air sheltered in its branches." The Gospel of the Lord

## *A litany of thanks ...*

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all the gifts we have been freely given. We thank you Lord

For the beauty of creation, in earth, sea and sky. We thank you Lord

For all those who tend the land and sea, our farmers, fishermen and all who bring food to our tables. We thank you Lord

For the food and drink we share in our homes with our families and visitors. We thank you Lord

For the health to work and the time to rest. We thank you Lord

For all these we are thankful for God's richness and the harvest we benefit from daily. We thank you Lord

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## *Final Prayer*

Lord, we thank you all of creation, for food and vegetables, for trees and flowers, for fish and animals. Above all we thank you for the gift of people. May we always remember that what we have, comes from you. May we have generous hearts that share and respectful hearts that care for all you have entrusted to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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