

FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
Catholic Academy Trust



Thursday 22nd October 2026



We Gather

Light a candle and start with the sign of the cross.

Jesus sends the Church to share the Good News with every nation. On World Mission Sunday, Catholic families remember that God's love reaches every person, every home, and every country. The Church is one family across the world, called to pray, give, serve, and share the Gospel with joy. Pause for a moment of quiet. Place before God the people of the world, especially those who are poor, lonely, afraid, or in need of hope.



We Listen to the Word

Give to God what belongs to God

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15–21

The Pharisees went away and made plans to trap Jesus in what He said. They sent their disciples to Him, together with the supporters of Herod. They said, "Teacher, we know that You are an honest man and that You teach the way of God in truth. You are not afraid of anyone, because You do not look at a person's status. Tell us, then, what is Your opinion? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus knew their wickedness and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin used for the tax." They handed Him a denarius. Jesus said to them, "Whose image is this, and whose name?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this, they were amazed. They left Him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to Christ, Lord Jesus.



We Respond

Jesus reminds every heart that life belongs to God. Gifts, talents, time, homes, families, friendships, and the whole world came from God's loving hands.

To give to God what belongs to God means living with love, honesty, gratitude, and generosity. It means using every gift for goodness. It means seeing each person as made in God's image and treating each person with dignity.

On World Mission Sunday, the Church prays for missionaries and communities across the world. Mission happens in faraway places and close to home. The Gospel is shared through words of faith, acts of kindness, welcome for the lonely, care for the poor, forgiveness in families, and service to those in need.

Every home can be a place of mission. A family shares the Gospel when prayer is part of daily life, when love is shown in small actions, when people in need are remembered, and when support is given to the Church's mission around the world.



As a Family

- What might Jesus mean by saying, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what belongs to God"?
- What gifts has God placed in this family?
- How can those gifts bring kindness, peace, and faith to others?
- Who in the world needs prayer today?
- How can a family help the Church share the Gospel around the world?
- What small act of service could show God's love this week?



We Pray

Loving Father, source of all goodness and love, the whole world belongs to God.

May every family grow in faith, hope, and charity. May every home become a place of prayer, welcome, and peace. May the gifts of each person be used to serve others and to bring the light of Christ into the world.

Strengthen the Church in places of poverty, danger, and need. Bring comfort to children and families who are hungry, lonely, sick, or afraid. Open hearts to generosity.

Teach kindness in words and actions.

Guide families to serve with joy, forgive with love, and support the mission of the Church throughout the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



We Go Forth

Mission begins with love. A family can share the Gospel through prayer, service, generosity, and care for others. This week, the mission of Jesus can be lived in simple and faithful ways.

Family Action for the Week

Select one action to complete together:

- Pray each day for children and families in another country.
- Learn about a place where the Church is serving people in need.
- Give time, kindness, or money to support the poor or the Church's mission.
- Welcome someone who feels left out at school, work, parish, or in the neighbourhood.
- Complete one hidden act of kindness each day.

May every thought, word, and action show that all life belongs to God.

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

Amen.

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