## Prayer and Witness Challenge - Term 2, Week 3

Dear Parents

Here is a daily challenge chart that you might like to use with your children.

It will help with your family prayer, the reading of Scripture and provide a range of activities that the children/young people might like to complete.



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Day	Pray	Read	Listen/Watch	Do
 Tues 28th	Pray  O Loving God,  May my heart sing today, alleluia!  A song of grateful thanks, alleluia!  I am your work of art, alleluia!  I am precious in your sight, alleluia!  Amen.  For Jol are God  Masterpiece  Created in Christ  And Work of art, alleluia!	Read Luke 24: 1-12  Desus Died On A Cross So That you Could Go Free	Vou might like to listen and watch this:  Jesus is Alive! Alleluia  OR  Sing a song of JOY  OR  Easter Hymn	Do  During the Easter season, the Church sings the song of "Alleluia," meaning "Praise God!"  Create an acrostic poem using the letters of the word Alleluia!!  (Not sure what an acrostic poem is? Check this out!)  Display it on your front door!! Don't forget to share a photo of it with someone else!  OR  Write and record a rap that shows your understanding of the

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## Wed 29th

## A gratitude prayer

Oh, God, when I have food help me to remember the hungry;
When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;
Make me concerned enough to help others, by using kind words and doing good deeds.
Help me God not to take all you have given me for granted.
Amen.



Read Ephesians 1: 19-20

Watch this video clip. It's a great song!

Give thanks!

Make a list of all the things that God has given you that you are thankful for ...

Draw and cut out a large heart shape and write a prayer of thanks to God.

OR

<u>Create a gratitude</u>
<u>poster</u> and share it with
your teacher!
OR

Interview those in your bubble asking them to say what they are grateful for. Record and share.

## Thurs 30th

Jesus said, "Peace be with you!"
Today let us have a time of peace. Get comfortable - you may even like to lie down and close your eyes as you listen to This meditation. This is a gentle way of praying and this particular prayer/message reminds us to let our light shine like Jesus.



(Jacinda Ardern's live facebook series of COVID-19 earlier this month - said parents' "single most important job '' was to keep things calm and settled in their home - so it's wonderful that her message also echoes peace! Please don't be disheartened if school work tasks are not

Here is the Gospel reading for the Thursday within the Octave of Easter. (It is Luke 24:35-38) Jesus says - Peace be with you!

Practice making the sign of peace - Can you also say it in te Reo Maori?



Peace is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit - see if you can keep up with this joyful song sharing the Fruits of the Spirit



A <u>Peace Crane</u> is a symbol of peace. You may like the challenge in trying this creative



origami task.

Also...

Think about ways that you can bring peace and harmony into your bubble at this time.



		completed at this time - focus on a calm and safe environment first.)			
	Fri 1st	St Joseph the Worker Dear God, Sometimes I have trouble doing the chores and other jobs I'm asked to do. Help me to remember how St. Joseph worked hard each and every day. Protect me from the temptation to be lazy and disobedient. Give me the grace to be a humble servant to my family and the world just as St. Joseph did. Amen.	Listen to this beautiful song; Joseph's Song	Explore the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch Archives page  There are some fun activities to complete!	Joseph's was Jesus' foster father. He was a wonderful man who said yes to God, just like Mary. Mary, Joseph and Jesus are called the Holy Family.  On the Archives page there is a family tree activity!! You might like to try to create your own family tree!!  The Family Tree activity looks like fun  If you do create your family tree who will you share it with??  OR  Using a shoebox create a 'good works tool box' -draw and colour tool shapes and on each one add a good work that you can do in your bubble!
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Week 3, Term 2 Tues 28th - Friday 1st  Older students and parents	Tues 28th	Feast Day: St Peter Chanel Pray this prayer St Peter Chanell You left your homeland to proclaim Jesus, Saviour of the world, to the peoples of Oceania. Guided by the spirit of God, who is the strength of the gentle, you bore witness to love, even laying down your life. Grant that like you we may live our daily life in peace, joy, and in love. May your prayer and example call us to spread the message of the Gospel so that God's kingdom may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen	Read this pamphlet all about St Peter Chanel	Watch this video clip on St Peter Chanel.	Peter Chanel's story is a lesson in faith and generosity.  Bishop Paul Martin entered the Society of Mary in 1885. Read about him here
	Wed 29th	Pray 3 x Hail Mary's  Hail, Mary! Full of grace, The Lord is with thee; Blessed are thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.		Watch again Bishop Paul's challenge to young people. It is a message we all need to follow.	Have you checked out the Catholic Youth Team (CYT) Facebook page.take a look Each day of the week they are posting different clips, Marian Monday, Wednesday Worship, Friday Funnies etc! Take a look!
	Thurs 30th	Regina Coeli  Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! Because the Son you were chosen to bear, alleluia! Has risen, as he said, alleluia!  Pray for us to God, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia!  O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,			Got a pack of playing cards handy!!  Try praying this way!  OR  Research how, why, when we pray the Regina Coeli. Compare to the Angelus and in some way share your findings with your RE teacher.



	granted joy to the whole world, grant, we ask you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may enjoy the happiness of eternal life,  Through the same Christ Our Lord.  Amen.		
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ANZ	ANZAC DAY  APRIL 25  Sat 25th ANZAC Day Australia and New Zealand's national day of remembrance for those who have died, been wounded, or served as members of their defence forces during times of war. We remember this past history of war, and pray that, in the future, all people will work to make peace, not war.  Prayer for Peace E te Ariki, You are the Prince of Peace. Help us to be people of peace in all that we do. May we always show love at home. Help us to care for our family and say sorry when we need to. May we always show patience at school. Help us to see the needs of others around us and look to bring healing. May we always look to be joyful in all that we do. Help us to bring light even when there is darkness. We pray for your world. Where there is war, may there be peace. Where there is struggle, may there be peace. Where there is anger, may there be peace. May your peace come again. Amen. From Caritas 2018 Lent Prayer resource	The ANZAC Ode  They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: A ge shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.  Read this Peace Prayer of St Francis  ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET	Listen to the Last Post Here (This was played on the bugle at night time as a signal that it was time for the soldiers to rest. We remember those who are now sleeping in death.  Song: Make me a channel of your peace Here  Cafod - A child's prayer for peace Here  Watch	Create your own prayer for peace. Decorate it with poppies.  The base from a bottle looks great!  (No red paper or colouring pens? If you have extra - New World shopping bags make great material!)  Poppy display or poppy prayer.  Display a poppy in your window  Explore this great Website for other activities  As a family you may like to have a minute silence in respect for



			all those that have died.
			Research how to make Anzac biscuits- you may even like to call someone that might know the recipe! (You could even make a
	ANZAC Resource prepared by Jane Dravitski, REA Palmerston North.		tutorial to share with someone.)

