

# A community of learners, believers and friends



# WB 3rd September Collective Worship

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1 John 1:7



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







If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

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### **Our School Prayer**

LORD, make me a better person, more considerate to others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life, and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.

St Joseph – Pray for us St Teresa – Pray for us



JUSTICE



How can we be an example to others of the mission and values at MSJ?

How can we help those starting become part of our community of learners, believers and friends?



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God our Father, we gather conscious that we share one common home. You entrust creation to us, not to exploit but to cherish.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Psalm 24:1



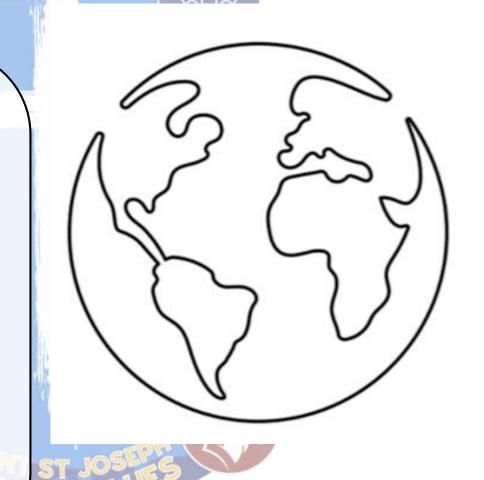




Lord, forgive us for the harm we cause to Your world.

#### We reflect:

- How do our choices—what we eat, buy, and use—affect the planet and the poor?
  - What actions can we take, personally and together, to live more simply and justly?
- Strengthen us to live with courage, answering the call of Pope Francis in Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
   In a moment of reflection, write your commitment on the earth and offer it to God in prayer





Lord, teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to look for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

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#### Gospel: Luke 14:1. 7-14

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely.

Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place.' Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, 'Come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honour in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbours—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death."

**WORD** 



Lord Jesus, You turn the values of the world upside down. You remind us that greatness is not found in pride or power, but in humility, service, and compassion.

- Who do we welcome into our lives: only those who benefit us, or those who need us most?
- How do we share the earth's resources with the poor and the vulnerable?

In this Season of Creation, help us to face the hard truth that the weakest are suffering most from climate change and injustice. Give us the courage to live differently: to consume less, to share more, and to love deeply. (Silent pause)



Send us out as people of humility and compassion, ready to challenge injustice and to care for creation—so that our lives reflect Your kingdom on earth. Amen.