

# A community of learners, believers and friends



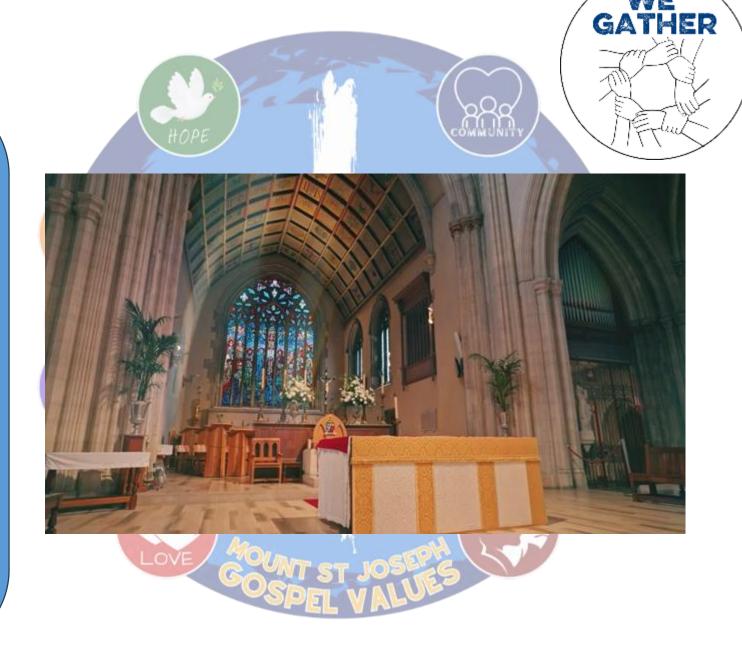
# WB 20th October Collective Worship

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another

1 John 1:7



October is traditionally the month of the Rosary — a chance to pause and reflect on how prayer can shape our habits, not just our words. The Rosary is not only repetition — it is training the will to see the world the way God sees it.





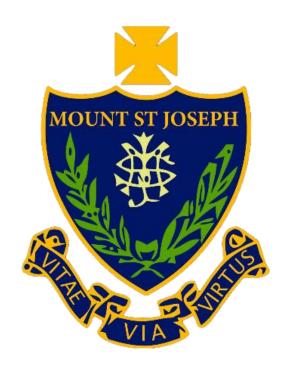
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In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit





Can you remember what our school mission is?





A community of learners, believers and friends 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

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What does it mean to "walk in the light" when our social groups reward cynicism, humour at others' expense, and disengagement?

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As we reflect on Mission, we listen to Tim Hughes' song God of Justice,

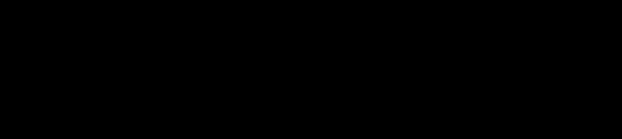
Think on the words "we must go, live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken"





Is our response to injustice usually emotional, social-media-based, or sacrificial? What is an example of each?







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

Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. They share God's love by helping local missionaries to work with communities around the world that are poor or in need.

Missio serves regardless of belief or background why does the Catholic Church invest in people who may never become Catholic? What does that reveal about the Church's understanding of mission?



# For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

God, our loving Father, in this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love creation.

Help us to work together to replant, repair, and renew.

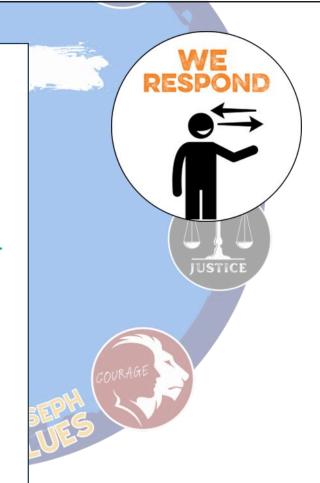
### Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope

Jesus, our light, in this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours and to set free those who suffer. Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair; forgiving; and kind.

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Holy Spirit, our inspiration, in this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love. Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others, and to be united as God's global family.

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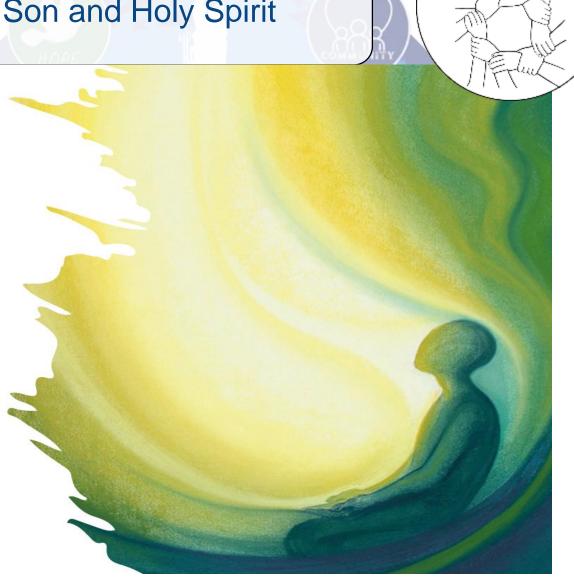


Prayer is central to everything Missio does. When we pray together, we share in God's love and are inspired to make the world a better place. We ask you to pray with us and for us, so the missionaries we support can find strength to continue to ignite God's love around the world.

Remember the work of Missio in your prayers



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### Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary."

For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'



Jesus' final sentence in this passage gives us a challenge. It's easy to pray when things are going well, but have we got the resilience to pray when everything is going wrong? Luke's audience were facing persecution. Will they continue to trust and have faith in Jesus – and will we? God knows what we need before we ask, but by continually praying we are growing closer to God. What are the deepest needs in my heart and mind that I want to bring to God? Do we keep on praying, even when it seems God is just not listening? Can we trust in God's love?

# Let's pause and reflect quietly:

- •What am I thankful for today?
- •How can I show gratitude in my words, my attitude, and my kindness to others?

In this week of Mission Sunday we remember we are all called to share God's love with everyone. The Pope is asking us to be missionaries of hope. The widow was facing injustice, how can we bring hope to people today who are suffering? When we pray for each other we share hope and our prayer can give us the strength and determination to help in practical ways too. How will we spread hope in places around the world where people are suffering because of war and hunger? How will I share God's love today with the people I meet at school and home?



Lord, please listen to me.

Give me the resilience to keep on praying even when I am not sure you are there.

Amen.