

Prayers of Thanksgiving

“Take Mary. After the Annunciation... her first words are: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord’, in other words, a song of praise and thanksgiving to God not only for what he did for her, but for what he had done throughout the history of salvation. Everything is his gift. If we can realise that everything is God’s gift, how happy will our hearts be! Everything is his gift. He is our strength!

Saying ‘thank you’ is such an easy thing, and yet so hard! How often do we say ‘thank you’ to one another in our families? These are essential words for our life in common. ‘Sorry’, ‘excuse me’, ‘thank you’. If families can say these three things, they will be fine. ‘Sorry’, ‘excuse me’, ‘thank you’. How often do we say ‘thank you’ in our families? How often do we say ‘thank you’ to those who help us, those close to us, those at our side throughout life? All too often we take everything for granted! This happens with God too.”

Pope Francis



Leader

In the presence of the God who loves us we bring our prayers of thanksgiving, grateful for all the many gifts we receive from God’s hand each and every day:

Prayers

In this Education week we think of all who support and help us in our learning. We give thanks first of all for the gift of our families and for all that we receive and learn from those who care for us at home. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*

All: We thank you

We give thanks for all the academies and schools in our Diocese. We ask God’s blessing on all of our primary, middle and secondary schools and academies. We give thanks for all of our teachers and all who help us to learn and become the people God calls us to be. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*

All: We thank you

We give thanks also for all who work and study in the Colleges and Universities in our Diocese. We are grateful for the gift of Further and Higher Education and for all who help us to reach our full potential. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*

All: We thank you

We give thanks for Pope Francis and Bishop Peter and for their support for Catholic Education. We ask that they would receive all the graces they need for their ministry. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*
All: We thank you

We give thanks for our Head Teachers and Senior leaders and all Governors. May they all know the strength of God upholding them, may God's Spirit continue to inspire them each day. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*
All: We thank you

We give thanks for our priests, deacons, religious and catechists who work so hard in our parishes to hand on the Catholic faith to others. We pray they would be blessed and strengthened in the work that they do. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*
All: We thank you

We give thanks for all who serve in our communities in so many ways and contribute so much to the task of Catholic education. During this Education Week may the contribution and service of each person be celebrated. *For all your blessings and gifts Lord*
All: We thank you

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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