



# Prayers

## Before the Bell

### Daily Prayers for Catholic Schools

#### **RESPONDING in FAITH & HOPE to the CORONAVIRUS in CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

##### Caring for Ourselves and Others

A virus is a very small particle that can be seen only through a microscope. Although these particles are tiny, they have the power to make some people sick. The **Coronavirus** is one such virus. These particles can fly through the air and land on anything that is within close proximity. That's why we want to stand or sit some distance from one another and sometimes stay at home from events where a lot of people gather. This is called **social distancing**.

##### Live in Hope and Prayer

We can see the presence of God and God's grace in the people who help care for those in need and the people who work to keep us safe. Think about those who have been affected by the virus and those who are helping care for them. **Person in need ... Person who helps ...**

##### Scripture (Romans 15: 13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

##### Prayers

God who cries with friends, please help us to stay strong in body as well as in spirit, to have the wisdom and prudence to do what is called for, to have empathy for all those who are suffering, and to live in your love, presence, and strength. Amen.

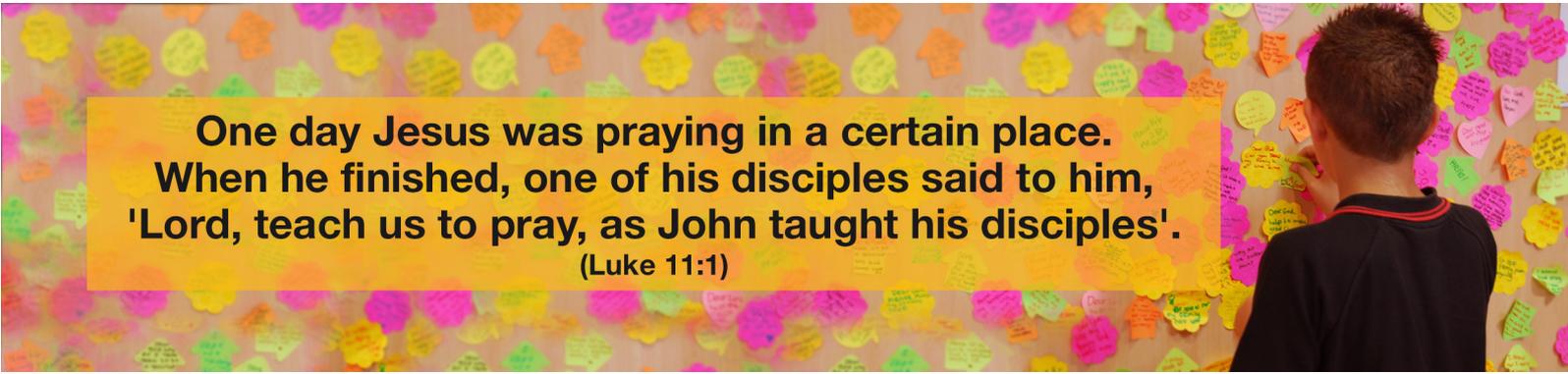
God of health and wholeness, we stop, pause and pray for our sisters and brothers in Australia and around the world who are at present suffering and in need of care. Open our hearts and minds to where you call us to be in providing what we can in these challenging times. "On the day I called for help, you answered me". Amen.

Jesus our brother, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. At your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in this health crisis, so that we may know your healing love.

Heal those who are sick, may they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which makes us certain of our health and life apart from you.

Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs.

We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, you who with the Creator and the Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



**One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.  
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,  
'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples'.**

(Luke 11:1)