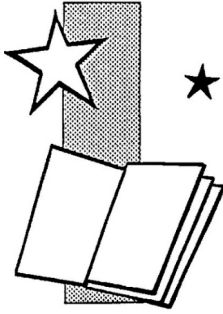


ASKING GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

Loving God, Your Spirit of Wisdom
fills the earth and teaches us your ways.



PRESENCE OF GOD

We pause and remember that we are in the holy presence of our God Who created us, Who redeemed us, and Who continually calls us to life, to holiness, to creativity and to love.

All honor and glory are Yours O Triune God.

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Almighty One, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that God may grant you in accord with the riches of His glory to be strengthened with power through The Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to our God Who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

JOHN 15:1-9

I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Vine Grower. He takes away every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in Me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in Me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become My disciples. As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love.

REFLECTION

The educational experience helps us to come to know the Christ and to live and love as He lived and loved. We are pruned of our self-centeredness and selfishness and we work and study to grow in our Christian faith, to build community with all who interact with us, to grow in wisdom and knowledge and to be of service to others. May this new school year 2010-2011 bear much fruit in us and motivate us to be stronger and more dedicated followers of Jesus.

PRAYER

- O Loving God, Divine Teacher and Inspiring Spirit**
- ❖ **May You inspire our school with the Lasallian spirit.**
 - ❖ **May You keep our students and staff safe from harm as they get to and from school each day by bus, by train or by car.**
 - ❖ **May You energize and excite our teachers for a new year of teaching, and give them a renewed love for their subjects, a love for their students, patience with themselves and others and a renewed sense of their great calling.**
 - ❖ **May You give the students a true love of learning new things in each of the areas they are called to study this year.**
 - ❖ **May You give wisdom and courage to the school board as it collaborates with the administration and staff.**
 - ❖ **May You give principals, assistant principals, and deans of students wisdom, strength, and energy to maintain order, motivate students and teachers, intervene rightly in crises, and address difficult issues each day.**
 - ❖ **May You suppress gossip in the classroom and teacher's lounges, and may You give our students respect for their teachers, and teachers for their principals.**
 - ❖ **May You provide encouragement particularly the support staff, and cause both students and teachers to show their appreciation for hard work done.**
 - ❖ **May You protect each and every school from violence.**
 - ❖ **May You suppress bullies of all kinds.**
 - ❖ **May You give each student a growing and exciting sense of how You may use them and their gifts in serving others.**
 - ❖ **May You give those who are faltering, failing, and dropping out, new strength and vision to see a better future.**
 - ❖ **May You cause students to reject drugs, sex, violence, and meanness and give help to those who are trapped in any of the above.**
 - ❖ **May You help our guidance counselors to have wisdom and strength to see and know and understand each person under their charge.**
 - ❖ **May You give coaches and moderators the ability to call forth the best from the students as they compete.**
 - ❖ **May You give our president every blessing of life, renewed purpose and vision, and primary concern for the students of our school.**
 - ❖ **May You call many new and talented young men and women into the great vocation of teaching.**
 - ❖ **Into Your hands we commit the school year, 2010-2011. Amen.**

**Breathe on us, O Breath of God,
Fill us with life anew,
That we may love what You do love,
And do what You would do.**

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Patron of Teachers
and Saint Thomas Aquinas, Patron of Students,
guide us through this new academic year.**

LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS. FOREVER!

