



November Moment – Post-Primary Prayer Service

Opening music

'Now is the Time for Tears' – Charlie Peacock (available at: <https://youtu.be/tYjHkzYgaCc>)

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of life. We are grateful for waking up every morning to a new day, with new hope and new potential. Sorry if we have not appreciated this gift as much as we should.

We have often woken up to a day that was challenging, when there seemed to be just too many problems, when coping was not easy. Help us to deal with such days with as positive an attitude as we can summon up.

We know that someday it will be our last day on this earth, but we believe that the gift of life will carry on into the next life.

Many of us have experienced grief when we have lost loved ones. Please be by our side when such moments come to us. Our sadness is just proof that we have loved.

Though our loved ones may have died, it is good to know we can still love them and even be of assistance to them by praying for the repose of their souls for them to rest in peace. We can show respect by visiting their graves, especially in November. The dark days may reflect our mood, but we know that brighter days lie ahead and that the new year is on the way.

(Original prayer. More prayers can be found in the YOUCAT Youth Prayer Book.)

Ritual

Students are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones on a Post-it note and, in a procession, those who are willing could add their Post-it note to a remembrance wall or board. They may also light a candle or tea-light before they return to their seats.

Play quiet instrumental music in the background during this activity, such as 'Remembrance' by Marie Dunne CHF (available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uob_LO8qqSM).





Scripture

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 5:3-12).

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Closing music

'When the Saints Go Marching In' – Bruce Springsteen

(available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6eKkirEcgE>)

