

Fully Alive Grade 6 Prayers

The Beatitudes

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.

(Matthew 5:1-12)

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The Light of the World

You are the light of the world. ...
Let your light shine before others,
So that they may see your good works,
And give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14,16

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The Gift of Sexuality

Loving God, everything you created is good.
We have received life from your hands.
We have been created male and female,
With the power to love and care for each other,
and to share in your creation.
We thank you for this gift.
Help us to cherish all that you have created.
Help us to show our gratitude and respect for the gift of sexuality
by way we live.

Amen.

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The Goodness of Life

God of life, you created us to be your image on the face of the earth,
and you rejoice in the goodness of your creation.

You rejoice in the beauty of a new life sheltered inside its mother.

Response: Teach us to celebrate the goodness of new life.

You rejoice in the sound of children's laughter.

Response: Teach us to celebrate the goodness of laughter

You rejoice in the many signs of love and commitment in families.

Response: Teach us to celebrate the goodness of families.

You rejoice in the warmth and kindness of our friendships.

Response: Teach us to celebrate the goodness of friendship.

You rejoice in our efforts to be loving and life-giving people.

Response: Teach us to celebrate the goodness of love and life.

God of love, you gave us the gift of life.
Open our hearts to the goodness of this gift.
Teach us to celebrate the goodness of life.

Amen.

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Love

Love is patient.

Help us to slow down, to listen to each other, and to face difficulties calmly.

Love is kind.

Help us to be generous, gracious, and open to each other.

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Help us to overcome our doubts about ourselves,
Recognize the gift we have been given, and celebrate the gifts of others.

Love does not insist on its own way.

Help us to remember that we share the journey of life with many others.

Love is not irritable or resentful.

Help us to be at peace with ourselves, ignore small annoyances,
and let go of angry feelings.

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Help us to find joy, not in that which is sinful,
but in the virtues of honesty, justice, and goodness.

Love bears all things, believes all things,

Hopes all things, endures all things.

Give us the courage to bear all things, the faith to believe all things,
the trust to hope all things, and the perseverance to endure all things.

Help us to follow your path of love.

Love never ends.

Corinthians 13:4-8

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Lord, Give Me Strength

Lord, given me strength when I feel weak,
and courage when I'm afraid.

Help me finish the race.

Help me keep faith with myself and with you.

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Children of Light

Lord Jesus, you are the light and we are your followers.

You came into the world to show us the way.

Help us to make your light visible.

We will shine your light on the splendor of creation,
so that all will know your glory.

We will shine your light on the faces of the people we meet,
so that all will know your goodness.

We will shine your light in dark corners where people are suffering,
so that all will know your compassion.

We will shine your light in good days and bad days,
so that all will know your faithfulness.

We will walk as children of light.

Amen.

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