

# CONVERSION



## **All Saints Day Gospel:**

### **Matthew 5:1-12a**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others 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.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**



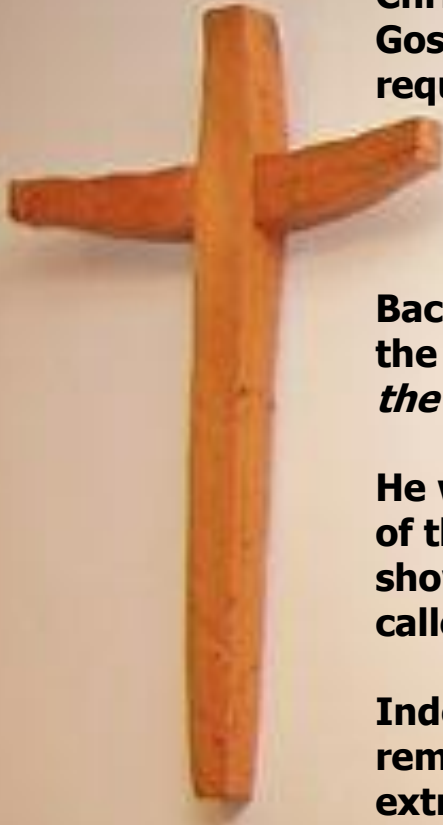
# Prayer One

## The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is  
In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

### ***Reflection:***

***This week's Gospel gives us the "Beatitudes". They are fundamentally linked to conversion as they describe the essential character traits needed to live a Christian life.***



**The Beatitudes serve as a guide or "roadmap" for the ongoing process of Christian discipleship and growth in holiness. This is why this is the Gospel for All Saints Day. We are all called to be Saints, something that requires an ongoing conversion.**

**Back in the year 2000, Pope John Paul II challenged young people all over the world to live up to the call of Christ. "*Do not be afraid to be Saints for the new Millennium.*"**

**He wanted us to remember that Saints are not just a thing of the past, but of the future too. When we hear stories about great people who have shown a lot of love and who have enjoyed living out their faith, we are called to remember that we can follow in their footsteps.**

**Indeed, this is part of the reason why the Church honours the saints: to remind us that ordinary people will always be capable of doing extraordinary things.**

**We are now 25 years into the Millennium and we have our first Millennial Saint in Carlo Acutis. The world will always need people in every age who can set the world on fire with love... who can live like Christ following the Beatitudes**

**..and we are all called to the task.**



# **Final Prayer**

## **LOVING FATHER...**

**Help us to be the Saints of this Millennium as so many other great men and women were Saints of the last thousand years. Remind us always that with you at our side, and with a belief in ourselves, we are capable of achieving great deal.**

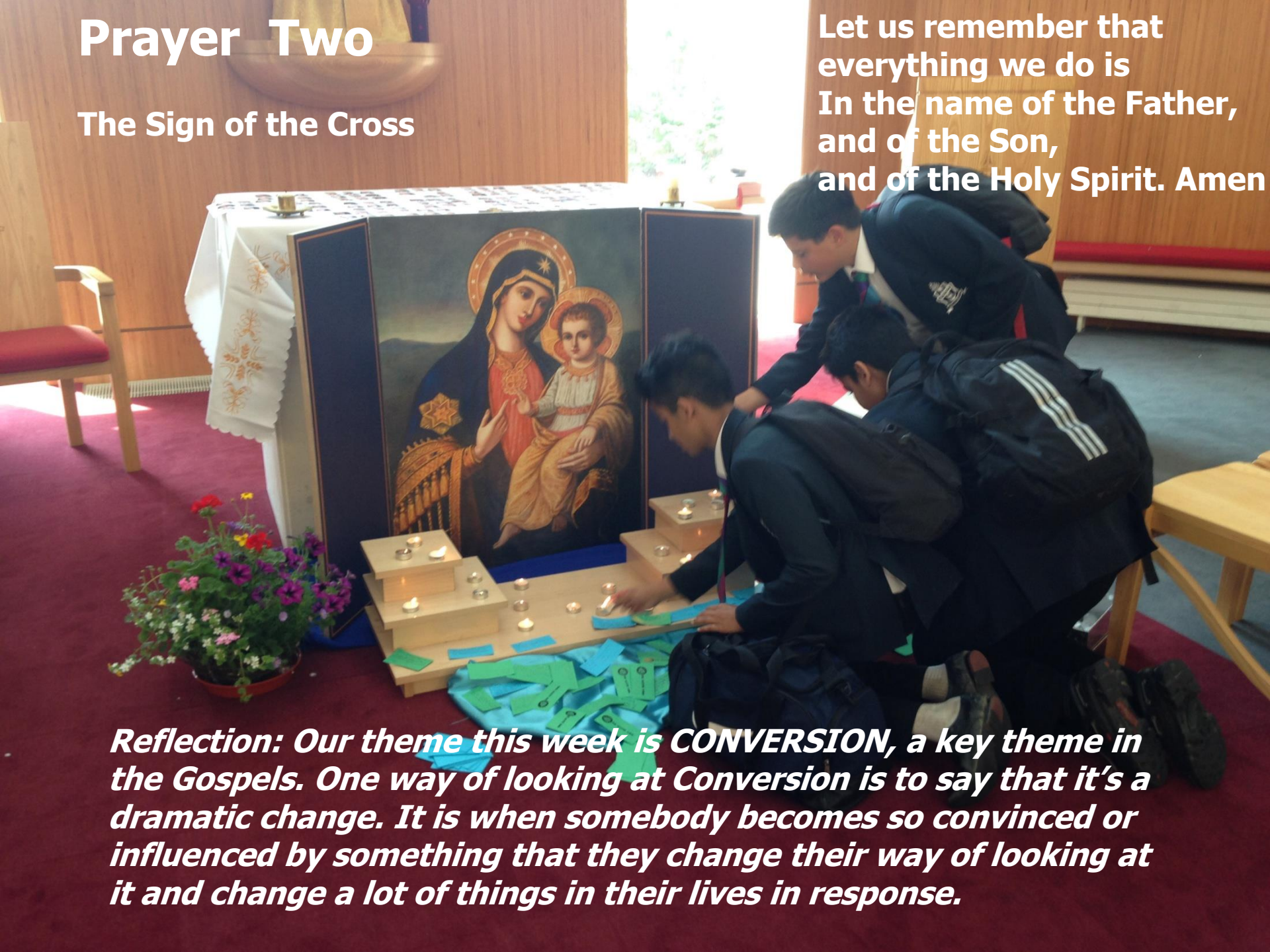
**In the name of the Father and of the Son...**

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Prayer Two

## The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that  
everything we do is  
In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



***Reflection: Our theme this week is CONVERSION, a key theme in the Gospels. One way of looking at Conversion is to say that it's a dramatic change. It is when somebody becomes so convinced or influenced by something that they change their way of looking at it and change a lot of things in their lives in response.***



**We often talk about people being converted to faith.**

**In fact, helping people to convert to faith in Christ, and ministering to those who have, is the very reason why the Church exists.**

**We are all called to convert to Christ. That's what it means to be Christian, and conversion means to change ourselves in positive ways: to love, to pray, to regularly receive the sacraments, to stop doing the things we know we're not meant to do, and to start doing the things that we know we are meant to do.**

**This week, ask yourself if there is anything you can do to grow in your faith and grow closer to God.**

# **Final Prayer**

**LOVING FATHER...**

**You sent your Son to earth to bring us to you: to your truth, your love, your peace, and ultimately to live with you in heaven for eternity.**


**Help us to respond to Jesus call in a generous and loving way.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
AMEN.**

# Prayer Three

## The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

A silhouette of a person in a prayerful pose, with their head tilted back and hands raised, set against a background of a cloudy sky. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, with their back to the viewer.

*Reflection: This week is the first week back after a break.  
It's always difficult coming back to working after a break*

**Much as we all love to relax and chill out, our lives would soon start to feel pretty empty if that was all we did.**

**This week, why not try to refocus yourself. Remind yourself why you are here. Remind yourself what you want to become, or to achieve, in the future.**

**When you have done that, take a moment to pray. Ask God to be with you as you work and ask him to help you to become everything that he created you to be**



# **Final Prayer**

**LOVING FATHER...**

**We thank you for bringing us back together as a community and for keeping us safe and happy during the break.**

**Be with us in the weeks ahead and help us to work hard so that in all things we might grow closer to the amazing people you created us to be.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**



# Final Thought...



*Next weeks theme: Remembrance*