



Prayer Resources

Week 11

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November



## **This Sunday's Gospel Reading**

### **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**(Luke 21: 5-19)**

**And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?" And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."**

**Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."**

**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 weeks Gospel talks of war and disaster  
and at around this time in 1945, the  
Nuremberg trials began. Twenty of the  
leaders of Nazi Germany went on trial  
charged with war crimes.***





**For the Jews and others who had been persecuted during the Second World War, and for those who had seen friends and family killed, the end of the war came as a huge relief. An enemy had been defeated and, for the first time in history, people were going to answer for war crimes in a court.**

**One thing that God tells people throughout history is that in the end things will work out for the best. If we keep faith and do the right thing then – in this life or the next – we will be delivered safely.**

**So, take heart! And trust in God.**

# **Final Prayer**



**Loving Father,**

**help us to remember that you are  
at the end of our journey, waiting  
for us with a Father's love.**

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

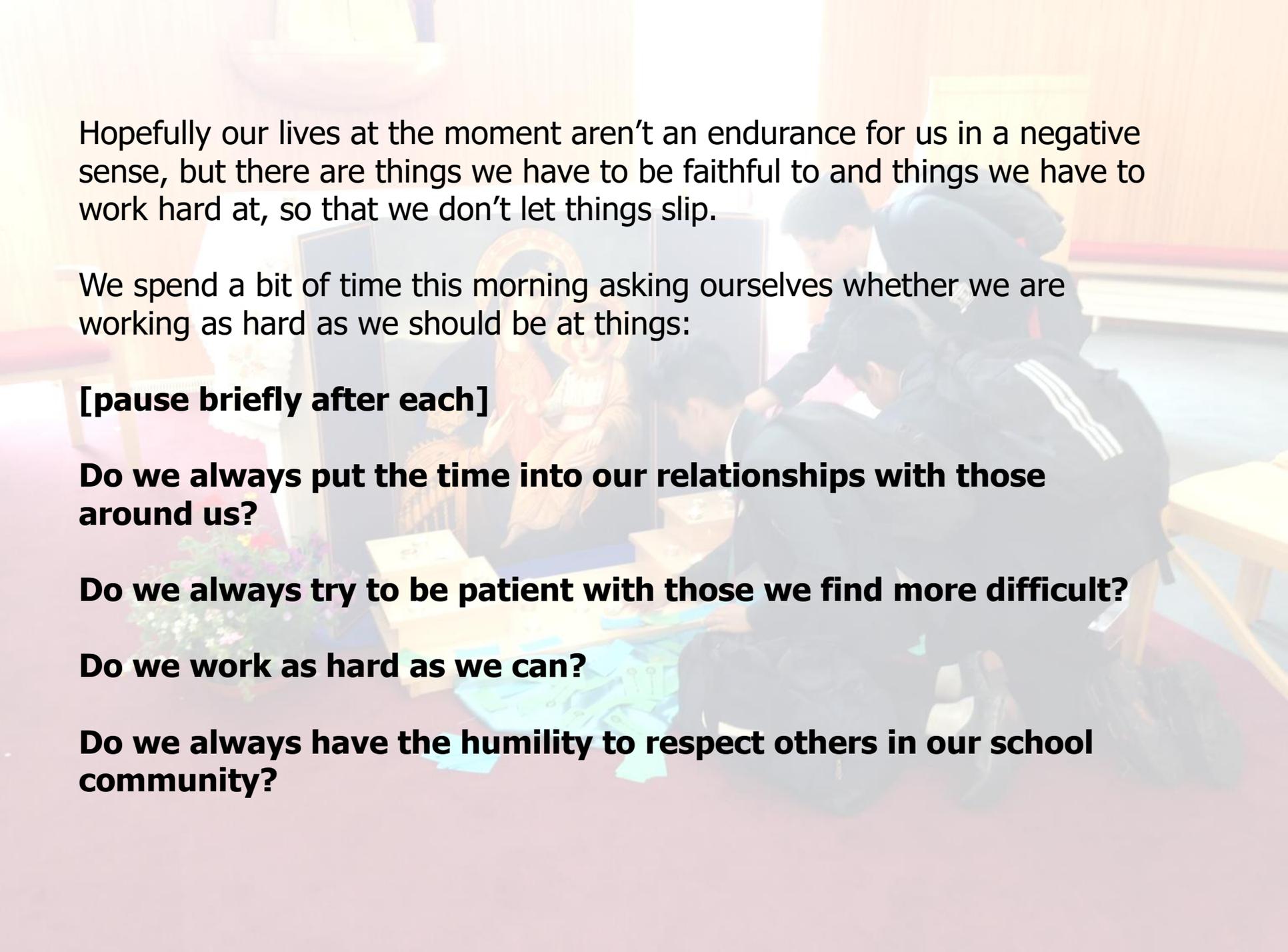
# Prayer Two

## 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:*** As we think about endurance, we think about where we are at the moment in life.





Hopefully our lives at the moment aren't an endurance for us in a negative sense, but there are things we have to be faithful to and things we have to work hard at, so that we don't let things slip.

We spend a bit of time this morning asking ourselves whether we are working as hard as we should be at things:

**[pause briefly after each]**

**Do we always put the time into our relationships with those around us?**

**Do we always try to be patient with those we find more difficult?**

**Do we work as hard as we can?**

**Do we always have the humility to respect others in our school community?**

# Final Prayer

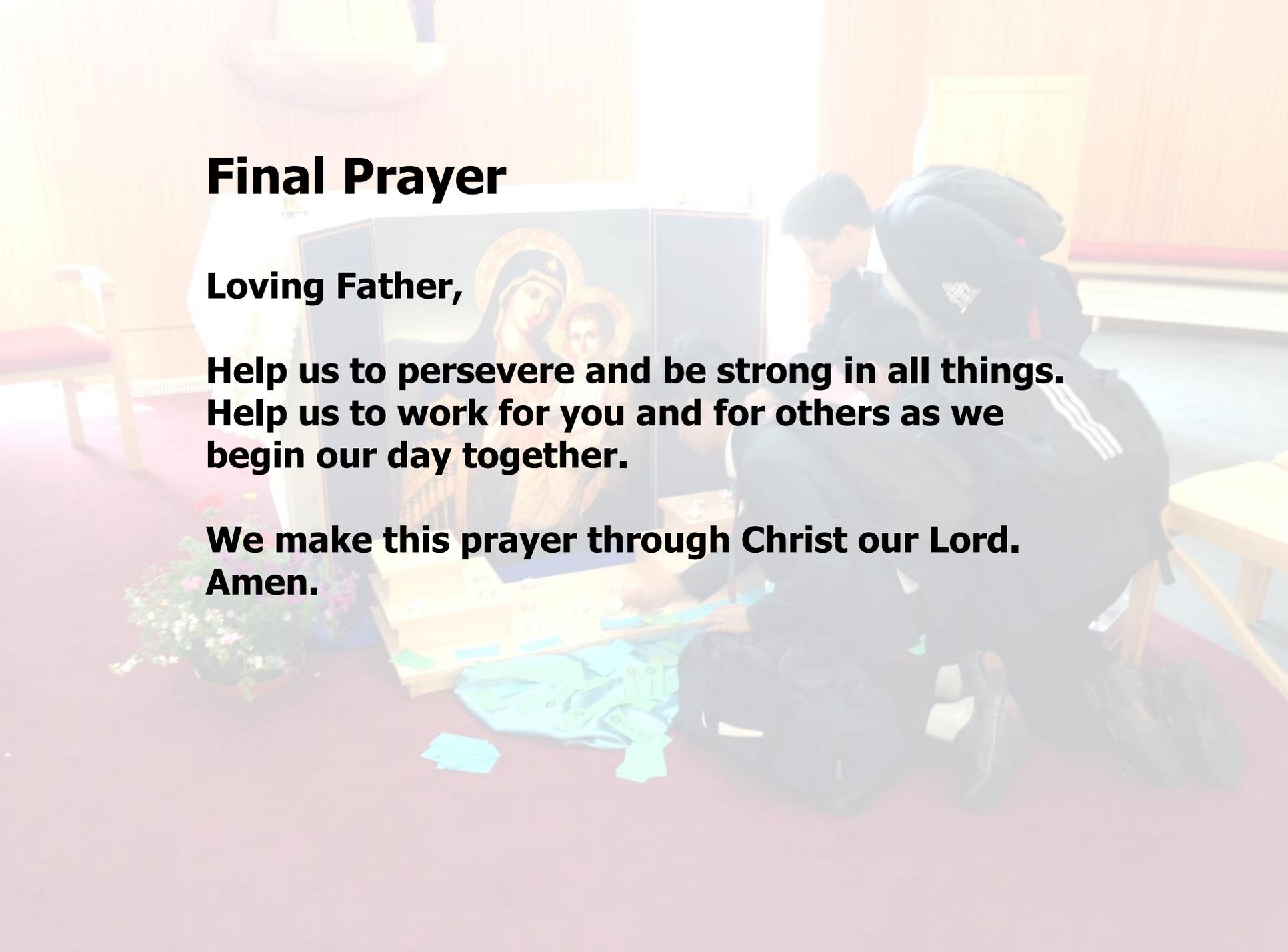
**Loving Father,**

**Help us to persevere and be strong in all things.**

**Help us to work for you and for others as we  
begin our day together.**

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

**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**

*Reflection: This weeks Gospel suggests that we  
will suffer for our Faith in God...*



**We are lucky to live in a part of the world where we are free to express our religious beliefs. Last week we remembered those who have fought in wars to protect our freedom in this country. However, it is important to be aware that not everyone around the world is so lucky.**

**However, life can be tough for us here too. In this week's Gospel, Jesus is telling us to be strong when we have to suffer and to remember that he is always with us.**



# **Final Prayer**

**Loving Father,**

**Give us strength to always do the right thing even when it's difficult. Give us faith to always see your hand guiding and supporting us.**

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



# Final Thought...



*Next weeks theme: **Youth***