

Walking in the Light of Christ

“Loving in the Light of Christ”

March 2012

(Adapted)

INTRODUCTION

Good morning, and welcome to our March prayer in preparation for Catholic Education Week, 2012. The theme for our prayer is “Living in the Light of Christ.”

OPTIONAL: OPENING SONG

And now, please join in our opening song,

Suggested: *Children of the Light* (Fr. Eugene O’Reilly)

City of God verses 1-2 (Dan Schutte No. 345 CBWIII)

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Loving and merciful God,

Open our hearts to love in the light of Your kindness:

Open our minds to understand in the light of Your wisdom;

Open our eyes to see in the light of Your truth;

Help us to seek what is just, in the light of Your peace.

We ask you to guide us...

to listen, ...to learn, ... to love,... to live ... and to lead... in Your light.

Grant this, through Your Son, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Amen

And now, let us be attentive to God’s word.

READING

Let us listen to the words of Jesus to his disciples the night before he died.

A reading from the Gospel of John (John 13:33-34)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

We are like beautiful windows that the light of God's love can shine through. Each time we do something kind for someone else, that light shines in us.

Can you think of somebody's kindness today that was like a ray of God's love shining on you?

(pause)

What kinds of things do I do to let God's love shine more brightly through me?

(pause)

REFLECTION

Jesus calls us to love one another just like he loved us. This is not always easy; at times it seems impossible. The truth is that we need his help to love as he loved us. He is the vine and we are the branches of his living body. He hears every prayer we make, and walks with us every day. He will never turn his back on us, because his heart is an endless fountain of mercy and love. Come, let us walk in the light of his love, for he is with us on this earthly journey to our heavenly home.

QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION/REFLECTION

What would a community of love look like in our Catholic school?

(pause)

CLOSING PRAYER:

O God, we thank you for Jesus,
The true Light that guides our feet
On our journey of love each day.
May the light of His love shine in us more and more
Through the compassion and kindness.
We show as His disciples.
We make this prayer to You
In Jesus' name.
Amen

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPTIONAL: CLOSING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

Children of the Light (Fr. Eugene O'Reilly)

City of God Verse 3 (Dan Schutte No. 345 CBWIII)