Prayer to Open and Bless a New Day Care Wing

WELCOME/INTRO
Good morning. As we gather to inaugurate this new daycare wing at _____________ Catholic school, it is only fitting that we begin with prayer – invoking God’s blessing on all who will pass through its doors to work and learn here.

Let us begin with the sign of our faith: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And now, let us listen to God’s word.

READING
A reading from the Gospel of Luke (Lk 18: 15-17)
People were bringing even infants to Jesus that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

BLESSING PRAYER
As we prepare to open this new daycare facility, let us ask God’s blessing on all who will be involved in its operation - as students, educators, parents and staff. Let us pray:
God our Father,
We praise You for the gift of children,
Who bring joy to our lives,
And brighten our hearts with promise.
We thank You for calling us to serve You
By caring for their educational needs.
We ask you to bless this new day care facility (+ bless, if led by priest)
That it might be a place of joy, love, peace
And growth in knowledge and skills
Illumined by faith.
We ask You to send Your holy angels to abide here,
To guide and protect all who pass through these doors.
May students, parents and staff
Come to more deeply know
The serenity of Your protective Presence
Within these walls,
And leave each day more fully imbued
With the love of Jesus in their hearts.
We make this prayer to You
Through this same Jesus Christ, who is Lord.
Amen.

And now, let us join the hopes and prayers of our hearts – for this place and for all our intentions – to the constant prayer of Jesus on our behalf before the Father, using the prayer He gave us: Our Father...

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

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