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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

(adapted for the beginning of the school day)

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## Sign of the Cross

### Opening Prayer

Ineffable Creator,  
You are the true font of light and wisdom.  
Pour forth a ray of Your brightness  
and disperse the darkness of sin and ignorance.  
Grant us keenness of mind,  
capacity to remember, skill in learning,  
subtlety to interpret, and eloquence in speech.  
May You guide the beginning of our work,  
direct its progress, and bring it to completion.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### Reading from Scripture

Use **one** of the readings of the day: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings).

*If the first reading:*

A reading from the book of [name].

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The Word of the Lord.

(response: Thanks be to God)

*If the Gospel:*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. [name].

(response: Glory to You O Lord.)

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The Gospel of the Lord.

(response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.)

### Silence/Reflection

*Allow a short time for silence following the reading. You may give older students a reflection question pertinent to the reading to think about.*

## **Petitions**

For the Pope, the bishops and all the clergy: that they may continue to guide us in living our faith, we pray to the Lord. (response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

For all government leaders: that they may work to find fair and just solutions to the world's problems, we pray to the Lord.

For our family and friends who are in need of God's healing grace: that they may be comforted by our love and care, we pray to the Lord.

For our school: that we may help one another grow in knowledge and faith, we pray to the Lord.

## **Our Father**

Together we pray the prayer which Jesus taught us:

Our Father...

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving Father,  
May everything we do begin with your inspiration  
and continue with your saving help.  
Let our work always find its origin in you  
and through you reach completion.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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Opening prayer adapted from St. Thomas Aquinas' Prayer before Study.  
Closing prayer adapted from St. Augustine.