

## Closing Prayer Service

**Leader:** Dear Father, we gather before you one final time before our break to thank you for carrying us through this year strengthened by your grace and everlasting love. We pause to reflect on our journey together. We praise you Lord, for the many blessings you have showered upon us this past year. We pray for your wisdom and insight as we share our joys and challenges. Make your presence known to us throughout our coming days so that we may continue to praise you in our words, decisions, and actions.

**All:** Amen

A reading from the letter of Paul

I thank my God whenever I think of you, and every time I pray for you all, I always pray with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the very first day up to the present. I am quite confident that the One who began a good work in you will go on completing it until the Day of Jesus Christ comes. God will testify for me how much I long for you all with the warm longing of Christ Jesus. It is my prayer that your love for one another may grow more and more with the knowledge and complete understanding that will help you to come to true discernment, so that you will be innocent and free of any trace of guilt when the Day of Christ comes, entirely filled with the fruits of uprightness through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God. The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Reflection:** God has surely begun good works in you. Spend a few silent moments considering all of your students this year and their families. Consider what gifts you have discovered in them. (that perhaps you did not see when you first began classes) What do you thank God for when you think of them?

**Song:** Beautiful

## Intercessory Prayers of Hope

**Leader:** In Confidence, we now offer God our hopes and our prayers.

For our journey and for a restful and peaceful summer filled with special moments for family and friends. Let us pray to the Lord...

**All:** Lord of Hope, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Holy Creator, in each one of us you have planted a seed of your passionate love. Make us to see clearly the gifts you have planted within each of us. May we recognize the source of our passions. Tend the spirit within us and open us to receive the nourishment of your grace, that our work may bear good fruit and many will come to know the blessings of God. Let us pray to the Lord....

**All:** Lord of Hope, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For our parish, that God may tend the seeds that have been planted all year, nourishing them as we all grow in our relationships with God and with each other. Let us pray to the Lord...

**All:** Lord of Hope, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the gifts of love and faith, that we will continue to be inspired to share this good news in everything we do. Let us pray to the Lord...

**All:** Lord of Hope, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For our graduating Catechists and their families, that they may feel God's Grace and wisdom as they start a new chapter in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord...

**All:** Lord of Hope, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For those special people and prayers that we hold deep in our hearts....Let us pray to the Lord...

**All:** Lord of Hope, hear our prayer.

