

PRAYERS FOR THE OPENING WEEK OF SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER 2015

Tuesday, September 8 - Mercy that Welcomes - La miséricorde qui accueille

God of Goodness and Mercy,

Help us to be like the Good Samaritan. Open our hearts to hear your voice calling us to do good for others. May we be instruments of peace and God's mercy for each other and may we be always willing to stop on our way to help another.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend. Amen+

Wednesday, September 9 - Mercy that Loves - La miséricorde qui aime

God of mercy and love,

You have blessed us with goodness and compassion.

Help us to open our hearts to the possibilities of this school year.

Guide us to see each other with your loving eyes.

Remind us to use thoughts, words, and actions that reflect love for our neighbour.

Make our school a place of warmth and acceptance, a place where all are welcome.

Invite us into your joyful and loving presence as we step together into this new school year filled with hope and promise. Amen+

Thursday, September 10 - Mercy that Forgives - La miséricorde qui pardonne

Father of Mercy,

You sent your Son Jesus into the world to share your love for us.

Jesus taught us that you forgive us for all our sins, and that we should forgive others.

Even from the cross, he asked your forgiveness for those who helped in his death.

May his shining example of love help us to accept the gift of mercy that you offer to us, and to share that forgiveness with others.

Let this school year be for us a Holy Year of Mercy. Amen+



Friday, September 11 - Mercy that Lives the Gospel - La miséricorde qui vit l'Évangile

Loving and forgiving God,

You offer us mercy every day of this new school year.

We are blessed that we can welcome and
celebrate this gift before we receive it.

As we strive to live the Gospel this new school year,
may we be merciful and kind, patient and joyful.

We ask this through Jesus who is our brother and friend. Amen+

