**Prayer of the Faithful (Sample 1)**

We pray for the class of 2022 that they may always find the motivation to achieve their dreams and to reach their full potential.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for our families and loved ones who have helped us throughout our journey. May we carry on the love and support they have given us.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for those who were once part of our year group: those who began in first year with us, those who came from different parts of the world to learn English, we remember them tonight and pray that they are happy and have good health.

Lord hear us,

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for all the staff of **(Name of School);** canteen, caretakers, cleaning, teachers, secretaries, and managing staff – they have inspired us and put smiles on our faces – we pray that you have the wisdom and courage to lead the students of **(Name of School)** and the comfort to know that you make an important difference to us.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our father, we offer all our prayers to you this evening in solidarity with one another as we pray …….

**All: Let there be respect for the earth**

**Peace for its people**

**Love in our lives**

**Delight in the good**

**Forgiveness for past wrongs**

**And from now on a new start.**

**Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (Sample 2)**

*Parent/Student*

We pray for the class of 2022 – that they **(we)** may have a new beginning in life with peace, happiness, success and love

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for the current, past and future students of **(Name of School),** that they may have meas, díograis and dea-chroí.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for us, the leaving cert students and the junior cert students too: that we can achieve results that befit the best of our ability.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for and thank God for the staff of **(Name of School),** for helping us to progress through the six years. May they have good health to continue their work and may they have support from everyone to do so.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for al those who are remembered in our memorial garden. May they never be forgotten and always be remembered.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for all those in **(Name of School)** especially those in our year who have lost loved ones. May they always know that we are a school community that support each other.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for our parents, we thank them for their help and support that they have given us throughout our time at **(Name of School).** May they continue to guide us as we finish school and go out into the world.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*Student*

We pray for all who have been displaced because of war, especially those from Ukraine who have come to live in this country.

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us.**

**Prayer of the Faithful (Sample 3)**

Good and loving God-  
We thank you for the completion of another academic year, and for giving us the opportunity, short though it may have been, to play a part in the lives of our students and our new graduates. We are grateful for your guidance and love as we shared in this important work.

Please bless and guide our graduates as they reach this end, and as they chart new beginnings. May what they have learned by being here with us allow them to truly be "women and men for others." May what we have learned from them enable us to be the same.

Please help them to use all that they have learned here to make the world a better place – to serve others in true solidarity and kinship - to seek ways to help the poor, the marginalized, and those who are suffering - and to always seek the greater good.

We know that some of them will experience pain and hardship, and we know that some of them already have, and we ask you to grant them solace and strength.

Finally, Father, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to build our community with these young men and women while they are here. Though they are leaving our campus, we know that they will always be with us as part of the Xavier family, and we ask that the bonds that have been created here remain strong despite any distance.

We ask all of this in your name, and in the name of your Son.

*- Written and offered by Phil Chick*

**Prayer of the Faithful (Sample 4)**

God, our loving parent, who gives us comfort and hope, we pray to you as we prepare to begin high school. Watch over us and protect us in whatever we do. We trust that in your love you will hear our prayers. Our response will be Lord, hear our prayer.

God of Wisdom, We pray for the administration, staff, and priests/sisters of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” school who have taken part in our growth during these past \_\_\_ years. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (any retiring teachers or those who are leaving) We ask that you bless them with happiness in their new endeavours. Let us pray to the Lord.  
All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of Love, We pray for our parents, that they continue to guide and nurture us as we grow and may they know how much we love and appreciate them.  
Let us pray to the Lord  
All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of Hope, We pray that we, the graduating class of \_\_\_\_\_, may have the courage to share our gifts with those who need them. May we be free to shape a future of peace and justice for all.  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Gentle God, We pray for our friends who have shared with us, over these many years, all the laughter, tears, heartaches and happiness: that they may know how much we love and cherish them.  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Healing God, We pray for the sick of our parish and for all our friends and relatives who are ill. Help them to feel your healing presence.  
Let us pray to the Lord  
All: Lord, hear our prayer

God of Compassion, We pray for those in our families and in our school and parish community who have died and are now in God’s presence forever. Teach us to be comforters of one another.  
Let us pray to the Lord  
All: Lord, hear our prayer

**Prayer of the Faithful (Sample 5)**

Priest:

(Luke 24: 28-31)

Let us pray:  
that we may be truly grateful for the gift of God in our lives and for our friendships. We look now to the future and pray for everyone here, and for our intentions...

Adult: (Teacher)  
God our Father, bless all the children of this school community. We give thanks for the joy they bring. May they continue to grow in understanding of your love for them.  
Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Child 1:

God our Father, thank you for all the teachers who work to make our school a safe, happy and caring place; in which to learn. We give thanks in this Mass for their guidance and support.  
Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Child 2:

God our Father, you give us our parents to love and care for us. Through them, we come to know how much you love and care for us. Bless them always and keep them close in your love.  
Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Child 3

God our Father, we ask you to bless, Fr ..............., who visited our school during the year. We give thanks for the many ways in which he helped all of us to come to know you. Bless him and his priestly work in the parish.  
Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

(Member of the Board of Management / Teacher)  
God, our Father, we ask you to bless us, the Leaving Cert class students, as we leave our school. May we always value the gifts of friendship, care and compassion. May we always be sensitive to the needs of others.  
Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Child 4:

For friendship between nations, for peace and justice in our own country, and that developed countries may not abuse the poverty of other nations.  
Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.