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# MiniVinnies

## Little Book of Prayers





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The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

### **Our Vision**

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering 'a hand up' to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

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This book is a compilation of prayers and pictures created by our Mini Vinnies Conference members. Thank you to all the young Vincentians who contributed to this amazing book and the teachers who support Mini Vinnies across the state.

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Dear God,

We pray for all the people grieving because someone they know and love has gone to heaven, that they will no longer be sad.

Please help the people who have lost everything through a natural disaster or war so they have the courage to start again.

By Eliza, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear God,

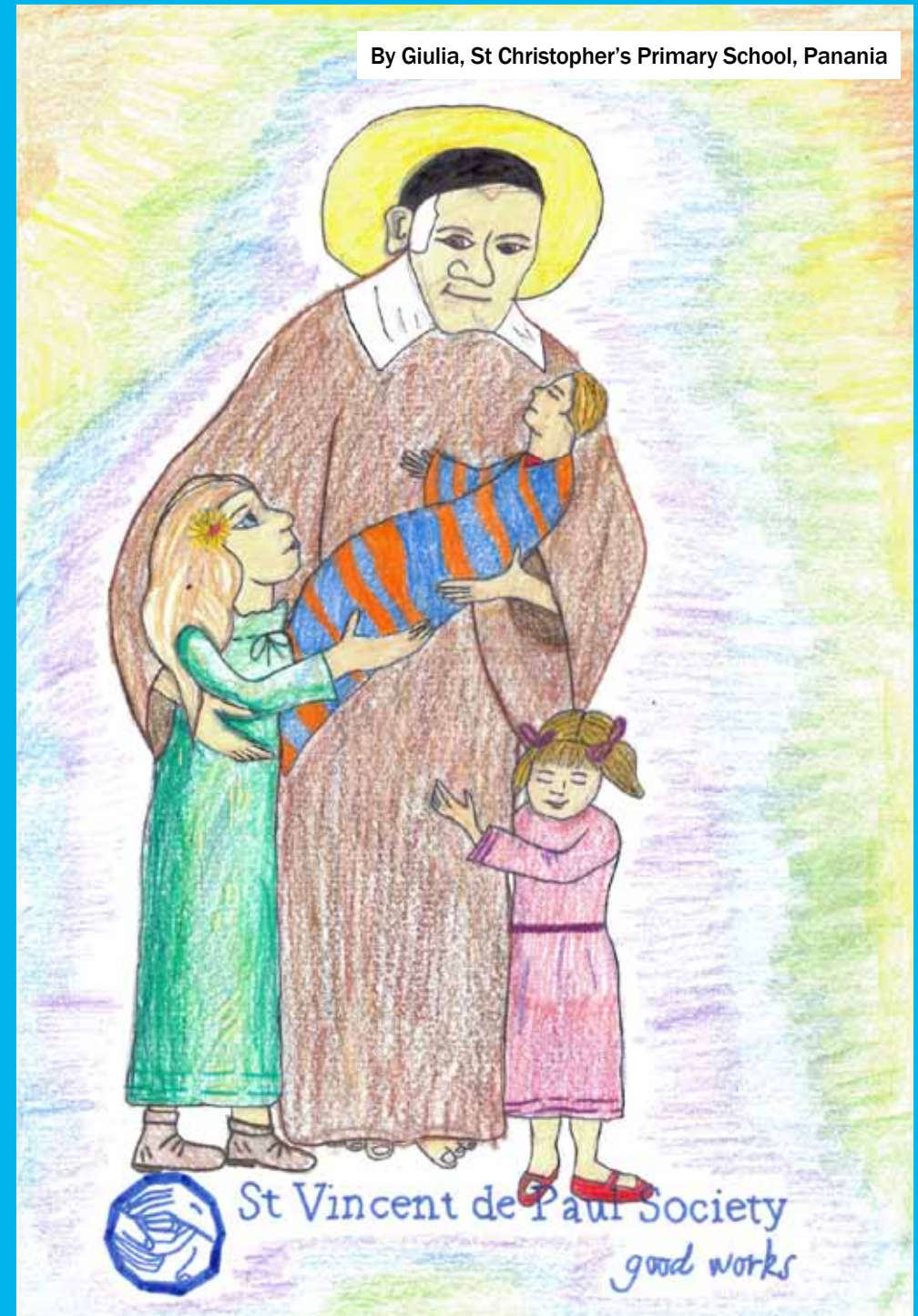
Please take care of our friends in Papua New Guinea and give them a healthy life.

Please continue to help us to give them a helping hand through raising money, donations of goods and being here for them in good times and bad times. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

By St Laurence's Primary School, Forbes

By Giulia, St Christopher's Primary School, Panania



Dear God,

O our loving Lord, let us pray for the people in Japan, New Zealand and Australia who have recently been affected by natural disasters.

Give these people strength Lord, as some of them have lost their homes, possessions and loved ones.

We ask that you guide and give these people courage to rebuild their lives.

We pray that these people continue to love and trust in you, despite all that has happened to them.

Amen.



St Patrick's Primary School, Blacktown

## A Prayer of Thanks

Thank you God for making me!

Thank you for my family.

Thank you for all the shining stars and for all the planets such as Mars.

Thank you for all creation for shaping all the nations.

Thank you for my smiles and tears and also for my encouraging peers.

Thank you for all the yummy food that gives me my cheerful mood.

Thank you for all the art and craft Thank you for the moments when I laugh.

Thank you for all the things we love for all the birds, such as doves.

Thank you for all your care Thank you for hugs as tight as bears.

Thank you for our education that we share across the nation.

Thank you for our world that you allowed to unfurl.

Amen

By Maeve, Charli, Thomas, Bailey and Rhiannon,  
Our Lady of Annunciation Primary School, Pagewood



By Holy Family Primary School, Skennars Head



By Our Lady of Good Counsel Primary School, Forestville

## Mini Vinnies Prayer

Lord I give you my mouth, help me to speak from the heart

Lord I give you my hands, help me to give, receive and build

Lord I give you my eyes, help me to see what is going on

Lord I give you my ears, help me to listen for cries of help

Lord I give you my feet, help me to make  
the effort to get to people

Lord I give you my heart, help me to show love

Lord you love us so much, help us to remember that by using  
our heart it keeps others heart's alive with love.

Amen

By St Joseph's Primary School, Tweed Heads

## God of Love, Justice and Hope,

Lead us to the knowledge that we should measure the success  
of our lives, not by the accumulation of material possessions  
or individual achievements; but by our willingness to be there  
for others, in your name.

May we choose a relationship with You over the many  
distractions of our world;

May we choose the needs of others over our own wants;

May we choose enthusiasm over inaction.

Amen

By Holy Family Primary School, Parkes

For the men and women who are  
struggling every day of their lives.

They may think that they are never going to live a happy life,  
but they should know that we are there for them,  
doing whatever we can to help them find happiness.

We pray that they can find some inner happiness through God.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

By Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood

## The Homeless

Dear God,

Help the people who are homeless, give them food, water and  
a place to sleep. Help them get some money, even a job! Help  
them as you have helped me. Help them stand up and face their  
fears. Please try to help them, in return we will pray each  
night and give money to charity, if we find somebody that is  
poor we will help them and keep them in our prayers.

Amen

By Holly, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Prayer of Hope

*We pray for all the people who have been  
victims of natural disasters.*

*May they have the strength to carry on and  
rebuild their lives during this difficult time.  
Please help and protect these people so that  
they can recover from this disaster.*

Amen



St Peter Chanel School Regents Park



By Holy Family Primary School, Parkes

## Family Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please let my family have fun and help them through tough times and let them live and have a happy life and when they pass away let them live a happy life in heaven.

Thank you for listening to me Lord.

Amen

By Olivia, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Family Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please help my family and friends through all times of toughness and understanding.

Help them when people have passed away and help them to recover.

Living and leading a happy life is also important, help those who are not living and leading a happy life.

Thank you Lord for listening to me and helping me.

Amen

By Kira, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff



## Dear God,

On the 6th day you created man and woman they then started a family and years and years after that Jesus Christ your son came into the world, he was our saviour, help us to be like Jesus and love like him, bring peace onto our families and teach our children about the Lord.

Amen

By Georgia, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Dear God,

I come to you today to ask for your Holy Forgiveness. We are all equal in Your loving eyes on Lord, so we ask to be blessed by you and only You for you are the Lord.

By Lucy, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Dear God,

Thank you for giving us family and friends to laugh with and be told they're loved each day. Help those who aren't as lucky as us and support them with food, warmth, water and shelter.

Amen

By Lydia and Angus, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## A prayer for God

Dear God,

You help us when we need help. You made us. You made light and darkness you made plants and animals. You encourage us to help people like the homeless. We pray to you and we go to church. We teach the young to be like you. You give us love and care.

Our teachers encourage us to help like you. We try to work like you and help like you. Jesus your son died for us to save the world.

Amen

By St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

By St Therese Primary School, Mascot



## The Creation Prayer

Thankyou Lord for make this planet full of creation.  
I love the animals and other creatures. We pray to  
you Lord. Thankyou.

Amen

By Lucy, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear God,  
Rest in peace and love  
in heaven. Amen.

By Amie, St Mary's Primary  
School, Armidale

Dear God  
We pray for the  
people that are sick  
and homeless  
Amen

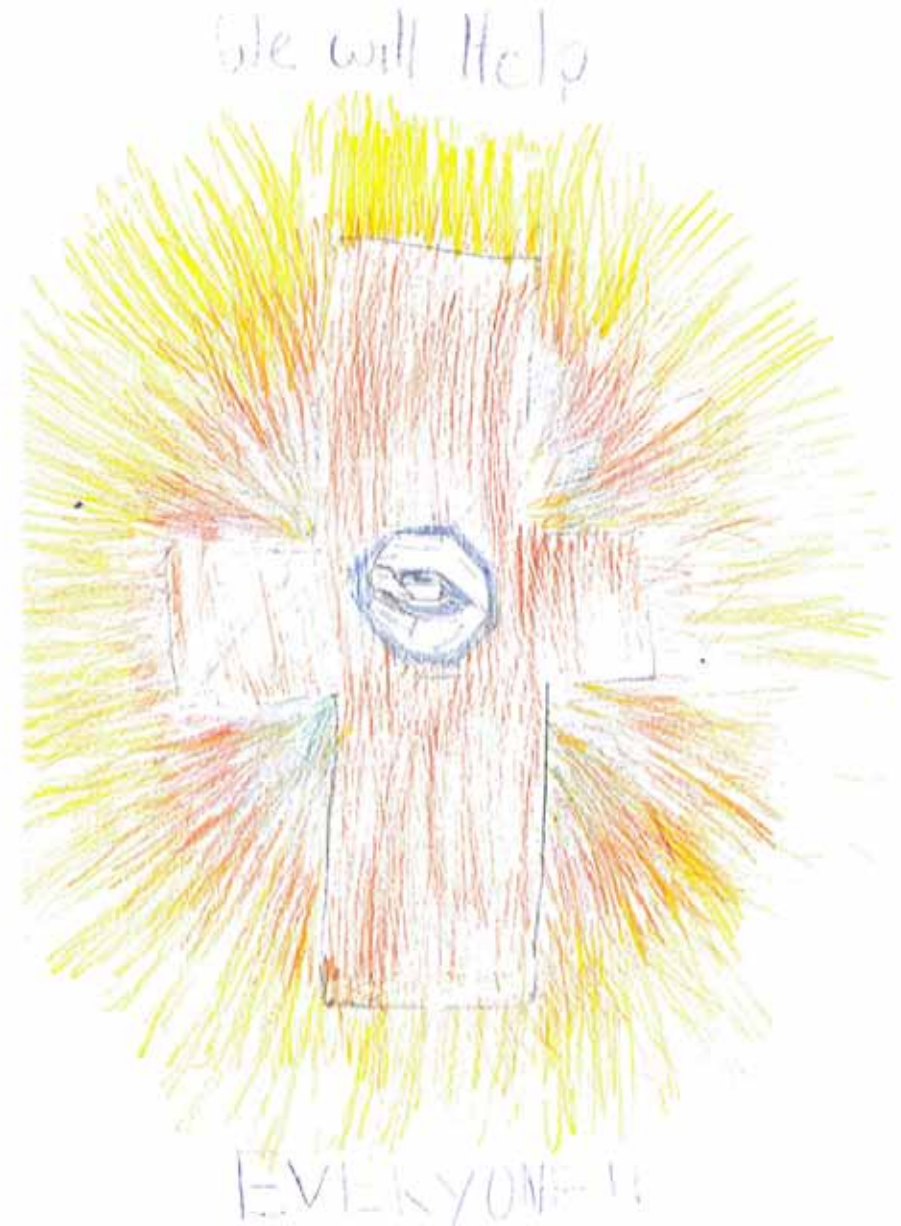
By Sophia, St Mary's Primary  
School, Armidale

Dear Lord  
We hope that all  
people in natural  
disasters around the  
world that they can  
Rebuild their homes  
and businesssed

By Phoebe, St Mary's Primary  
School, Armidale

Dear God  
Please help all the sick  
and my school

By Cody St Mary's Primary  
School, Armidale



By St Laurence's Primary School, Forbes

Dear Lord,

For those who need help may they find their way.

Amen

Lord we ask you to help people in need of love.

Amen

By Aaron and Ollie, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear God,

Please look after the people who have been affected by natural disasters.

Amen

By Emma, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear God

Help the poor from hard winds, scary lightning and terrifying bushfires. Amen

By Nick, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear God

Please help people who are having a tough time in their lives and finding it hard to cope

By Emma, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear Lord

For those who need help like blankets.

By Ben, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Being With us

Dear heavenly Father,

Please be with those who need you.

Please let us know you are with us always.

By Emily, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

Dear Lord,

We pray for all the people who are poor, sad, affected by natural disasters and who are sick and ill.

Amen

By Alex, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

My Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Please look after the poor people, homeless people and the people who need you,

May they always know that you are with them.

Please help them have food to eat and water to drink and a bed to sleep in during the cold nights.

Help them know you are with them.

Amen

By St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Dear Lord,

Why do we have enemies when we can all be friends? Friends are always near when there are troubles or problems. When we are hurt or scared, friends make us feel safe and secure. Make sure everyone treats people how they would like to be treated.

Thank you Lord for the world you created, because if we didn't have you we wouldn't have friends and family to be there for us.

Amen

By Tara and Luca, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Dear Lord,

The Angels bless, The Angels keep.  
The Angels guard me when I sleep  
Bless my heart and bless my home,  
Bless my spirit as I roam,  
Guide and guard me through the night,  
And wake me with the mornings light,

Amen

Author Unknown. Submitted by Jamie,  
St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

Dear God.

Let us pray for all the people who are suffering from sickness or disease.

We pray that they continue to have faith in you and talk to you in prayer.

Please give them the power to get better and always think positively. Please help them recover from their illness. We also ask that you guide and look upon their families and loved ones to help, look after them.

Lord, keep these people in your hearts.

Amen



St Patrick's Primary School, Blacktown

## Good Night

Dear God,

The sun has gone down from the sky  
I pray dear God my soul you keep while in  
your loving arms I sleep  
Forgive the things I did today  
And in your glorious path I stay  
As I slumber through the night  
Please take my hand and hold it tight.

Author Unknown. Submitted by Teah  
St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

## Dear God,

Please help us as we journey through primary school  
And are getting prepared for our new journey, next  
year in high school.  
Guide us we make new friends, but help us to not  
forget old ones.  
Whenever we fall help us to get back up.  
Amen

By Milly, St Anthony's Primary School, Kingscliff

Lord, may health and safety be  
around us, our community and  
our world so that there may be  
peace and justice for all.

Lord, fill us to the brim with  
happiness, guidance and help in  
everything.

Lord, may there be an end to  
natural disasters, pollution and  
poverty so all people may have a  
better life.

Thank you for all the love we  
share and for hearing and  
answering all our prayers.

Amen

By St James Primary School, Banora Point

## A gratitude prayer

I am thankful

For my Mum and Dad, for their nagging, because it means I have been given the gift of a family.

For my brothers and sisters who always complain about doing chores because this means that they are at home.

For the pocket money I get because it means that I am worthwhile.

For the mess to clean in my room because it means that I am not alone and have responsibilities.

For the clothes I wear because it means that I am comfortable.

For all the complaining I hear from my friends about homework because it means that we have an education.

For the traffic on my way to school because it means I have transport.

For the noise from my peers in class because it means that I have all my senses.

For my parents who act as taxi drivers because it means I am loved and cared for.

For all of these and many more we are all truly grateful.

By Mater Dei Primary School, Blakehurst

## This is called poverty

Oh compassionate One,  
Somewhere, here and there,  
In the darkness of the Earth  
There are children who  
Unlike us, live in an empty world  
Don't you see them?

A crumb of bread and a drop of water  
Are so much for them and for us a quarter  
The sum of laughter is irreverent to us  
But do we know it is everything to them?  
Their frightened whispers fill the air  
Innocent people are dying everywhere  
Don't you hear them?

Oh Lord,  
Strengthen our hearts,  
Open up our minds,  
To show justice and love.  
Give us the power to help,  
All the people in need,  
As everyone makes a difference  
Amen

By Olivia, Valia, Josette, Angela, Sophie and Akuag,  
St Joseph's Primary School, Belmore



## Harmony

Sharing is caring  
Fun is joy  
Holding hands with God's gift  
Cuddling cultures  
With helping hearts  
Comes laughing love  
And loving life  
Respecting religions  
Combining cultures  
Smiling faces  
On faithful friends  
Share fair  
Showing respect  
To peaceful people  
Lending love  
Giving goods  
Sharing songs  
Knowing that friendliness equals happiness  
Be helpful to each other  
Joy in justice  
Getting along  
With wandering wonders  
Loving and learning  
Helping in happiness  
This is my kind of harmony

By Joseph, St Josephine's Primary School, Taree

## For the homeless

Lord our heavenly Father,  
We pray for those who are homeless.  
May they be helped to find a place where they are safe,  
A roof over their head,  
A companion to help them emotionally, good health  
A satisfying meal and something to drink and keep warm  
during winter.  
May they find strength and healing in God during this  
difficult experience. We keep these people in our prayers  
and thoughts.

Amen

By St Christopher's Primary School, Panania

For those who are lonely, may God give you strength and  
courage to carry on living your life with God deeply in  
your heart.

For those who are desperate, in need of food, in need of  
water, in need of essential items to live. God, please help  
us to work together to respect the dignity and needs of  
these poor people.

Amen

By St Thomas' Primary School, Willoughby



By Ana, St Joseph's Primary  
School, Rockdale



## A Prayer for Families

We pray for mothers all around the world who do their best to look after their children and other family members. They cook us food, teach us how to be responsible adults and buy us things we need in order to survive.

We pray for fathers, who cook special food, make us laugh when we are sad and take us to fun places, comfort us and buy us presents. We pray that they always stay safe and healthy.

We pray for brothers and sisters who help us when we are being treated unfairly, make us happy when we are sad, keep us company and make us laugh.

We pray for babies who make us laugh, who reach out and touch our noses, who make cute baby noises and have lovely baby faces.

We pray for grandparents who look after us when our parents are at work, show us love and tell us stories about the old days. No matter how old they are, they still love us. They spoil us with things we want even if our parents say no. We thank God for our lovely grandparents.

We pray for other friends and adults who are like family to us. We are blessed to have these people in our life.

By St Joseph's Primary School, Rockdale

## Hymn of Praise

Father, thank you for  
creating humans who help  
others in need.

Father, thank you for  
creating the plants, the  
animals who walk in the wild  
and the blowing of the wind  
Thank you for creating the  
birds that soar and glide  
through the sky.

Thank you for creating the  
sun and moon that gives us  
light and warms us day and  
night.

Father, thank you for  
creating the wonderful  
colours of the Earth.

Thank you for creating this  
wonderful, wonderful world.

Praise and glory to you.

Amen

By Mitchell, St Mary's Primary  
School, Concord

## My loving Lord,

You are the ruler of the  
entire universe

Thank you for the people  
that live on this loving planet  
Thank you for the high rocky  
mountains that tower over us  
They have special colours all  
of their own

Thank you for the  
butterflies that fly above  
us, spreading their wings  
with their beautiful patterns

Thank you for the sun which  
gives us daylight with its  
yellow shine that glistens  
through the day

Thank you for the flowers  
that bloom with amazing  
colour

Please help me to protect you  
loving creation

Amen

By Alyssa, St Mary's Primary  
School, Concord

## My Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God,  
Thank you for creating my  
beautiful planet earth  
and my loving family and  
friends who care for me.  
Help me take care of my  
family, friends and your  
beloved planet Earth.

Holy Lord hear us.

Amen

By Anthony, St Mary's Primary  
School, Concord

## Dear Lord,

Help give the homeless a  
home, give happiness to the  
sad and support the people  
less fortunate than all of us.

Amen

By St Mary's Primary School,  
Concord

## Dear Lord,

Please help those who are  
less fortunate than us,  
help them to find comfort  
and love. Also help us to  
remember how truly lucky  
we are, help us not to take  
this for granted.

By Grace, St Mary's Primary  
School, Concord

God please pray for all  
the people who are lonely  
and all the people who are  
living on the streets.

Amen

By Jessica, St Mary's Primary  
School, Concord

God please look after my  
family and my Grandmother  
and Grandfather.

Lord hear us

By Emily, St Mary's Primary  
School, Concord

## Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray to you for the people in need. For the homeless that they may find shelter, food and clothes. Also we pray to you that people who are in poverty and homeless may find joy and happiness in their life.

Amen

By Marcela, St Therese Primary School, Mascot



May we remember those sleeping on the streets. May we always think about them when we pray. Please, let them soon have a home like you and me.

Let us pray for those people and that they may have a happy life. May God be with them.

Amen

By Jane, St Therese Primary School, Mascot



## Dear Lord,

Please help those affected by natural disasters.

Lord hear us

By Grace, St Therese Primary School, Mascot

## A Prayer for people in need

Dear Lord,

Please help us to have the courage to help the poor and try our best to be grateful that we have warm beds to sleep in. Please help the poor to find a warm place to sleep.

Amen

By Alanah, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Helping Others

God, help us walk in the footsteps of Frederic Ozanam and look after those in need.

Guide us to make a difference by helping others.

Let us bring hope and joy to those less fortunate.

May we put a smile on people's faces through our actions and prayers.

You ask us to "Love one another as I have loved you."

May we always show Your love to all we meet.

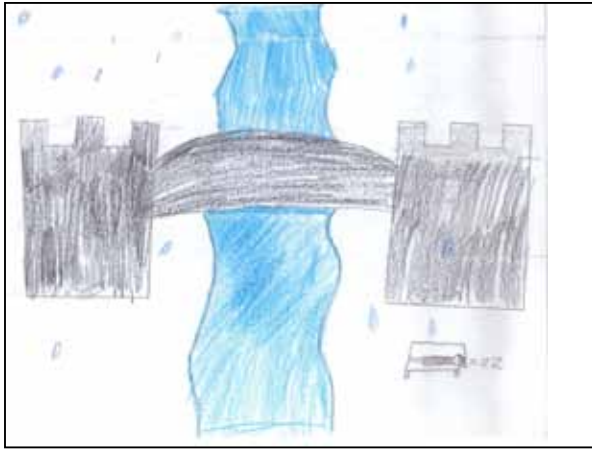
Amen

By St Therese Primary School, Mascot

## Dear Lord,

I wish with all my heart that you, God, will help the homeless and poor, the sick and the scared and the lonely and the sad and everyone in between.

By Brydie, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale



O Lord,

There is no place like home. Losing a home is like losing a heart and hope. So help me with this prayer.

I pray today for all those people who are homeless around the world. Sleeping under bridges, in shop entrances, on park benches or anywhere you can possibly think of.

Open cold hearts, we pray, to give warm reception to the hungry and homeless among us. And open the purse strings of those with plenty that they may share. So there will be food, milk, water and a place to lay their heads.

Lead us to care for one another as you love us, to share our wealth as you share blessings with us to forgive and eschew judgement on those who suffered. Even as you forgive us, our sins, our failures, our mistakes our shortcomings and judge us all not by results but by motives and intent. Amen

By Christina, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## OUR FRAGILE EARTH

Almighty Creator God,

Thank you for the wonderful world in which we live. Help us to always respect your gift of creation and the fragility of our planet.

At times we witness the power of the Earth as it causes distress to humans and the environment.

Guide us at these difficult times so that we may respond with hope and love to those in need.

Comfort those who are separated from their loved ones due to death or circumstance in these times of confusion.

Grant wisdom to those who work to bring relief to those suffering.

Walk with those who mourn and grieve and express their anger and sadness.

Strengthen their faith in you so that they may feel your ever-present love as they work to rebuild lives and property.

Help us, Lord, to not ask "Why?" but to ask "What do you want me to do?"

Help us, also, to have hearts of faith, hope and love so that we may best use our gifts in the service of others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

By St Thomas More Primary School, Brighton-le-Sands.

# A Prayer for Winter

God of Love,

During the season of Winter, we remember people who are less fortunate than us.

We pray for people who have no shelter, comfort and support

We sleep under a roof, they sleep in cold rain

We pray for people with no food or water and struggling for survival

We have warm heaters, they have cold ground.

We pray for people living on the street, who are sick and helpless, watching many walk by disappointed

We sleep in beds, they sleep on the ground and benches.

Help these people to be strong and faithful during this winter season.

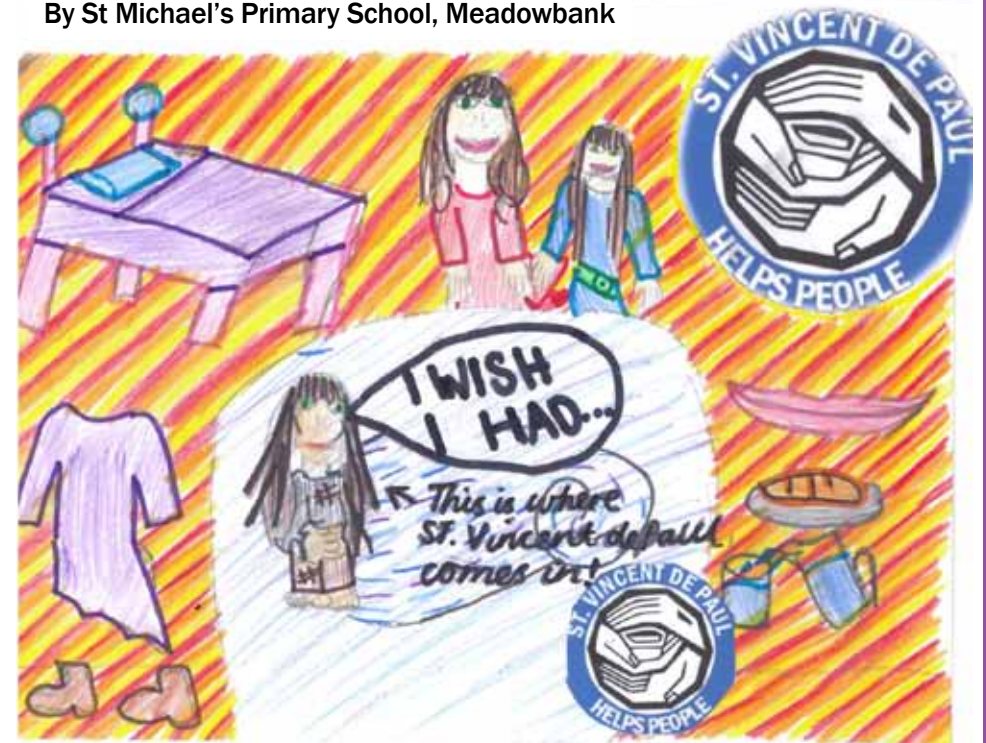
Please support all these people who haven't got caring and loving people such as a family to look after them.

We ask you to help us to be more like Jesus and Mary Mackillop by not taking things we have for granted and 'never see a need without doing something about it.'

Lord hear us.

By Billy, Jordan, Jordi, Natalia, Noah, Rakeli, Sam and Sarah,  
St Michael's Primary School, Meadowbank

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Homeless



## We are so grateful to be in this world today

We are so grateful to be in this world today. To take care of nature in life and those who support trees and plants. Although there has been great sadness such as cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes and other destructive disasters we have kept in our thoughts and prayers the people who have been affected. We have and are continuing to rebuild what we have lost.

We are so grateful to be in this world today. To have people who fight to save our country. The bravery demonstrated by soldiers by leaving their family, friends and lives behind to enter into a life that we can't even imagine. They are in our thoughts and hearts every day.

We are so grateful to be in this world today. To give to those that are in need. Although our almsgiving is on a small scale we all try our very hardest to take care and to remember those who are less fortunate than us. We will continue to create awareness in our communities. We are so grateful in this world today.

By Ebony, Mili, Maddison, Rhiana, Christina, Gabby, Eliza, Natalia, Carmen, Elliot, Holly, Joshua, Luke, Angela, Hayden, Divy, Nathan, Jonathan and Justice, St MARY's Primary School, Erskineville

## Dear God,

Pray for us all who have life threatening diseases or diseases which are not so serious. Help those who are homeless or are blind or deaf, or have other disabilities, pray for those who have died recently and also pray for the families who have to suffer the loss. Thank you for keeping me alive and well today.

Amen

By Angharad, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Dear Lord,

We pray for all the people in the world less fortunate than us.

Amen

By Claire, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Dear God,

Please help every family through every tough time.

Amen

By Alex, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Dear God,

Please help all families that need our help and people in natural disasters. Amen

By Alex, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Dear God,

Please help all the families that are poor, sick, sad, lonely and are devastated from floods and other disasters. Amen

By Lucy, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

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Caring



Kindness



Helping



By Jamie,  
St Laurence's  
Primary School,  
Forbes

Dear Lord,

I pray for the people with no homes, no food and no water. I also want to thank you for my family, friends, food, water and home. Amen

By St Francis Xavier,  
Primary School, Ballina

We pray that all the sick and injured may have hope and strength on their journey. I pray for the poor and hungry that they may find shelter and food. We pray for the people who have turned away from God and that they may follow God once again and walk in the light of God.

By Samantha, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

Dear God,

Thank you for our friends, family and all the joy in our lives.

Amen

By Hollie, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

A prayer  
for people  
in need

For those in need, that they find new strength.

For those who are losing faith, that they find new hope.

For those who have lost important people in their lives. We pray for them.

For those who have lost sight of God, pray for them.

We pray for all those people who have these problems and for us, that whatever happens on our road of life, that we always keep God in our world and our journey.

By Grace and Lily, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Dear Lord,

Thank you for keeping our country safe and protected from war. Help us to respect and care for other people who do not have the peace and justice that we are lucky to have and enjoy. Give them wisdom to find peace and forgiveness in their lives. Please make our world a safer place to live in, just as God wanted it to be. May we be generous with what we have and follow Jesus' example of love and compassion to all people. Amen

By St Philip Neri Primary School, Northbridge

## Dear Lord,

I pray for the people with no homes, no food and no water I also want to thank you for my family, friends, food, water and home. Amen

By St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballina

## Our Father,

We pray for those who have friends or family who have ended their life and gone to heaven, we hope that they may have eternal life in heaven. Amen

By Alex, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## My family

Dear God,

Please protect my family through ups and downs, thick and thin and smooth and bumpy. Amen

By Nick, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## Dear God,

Thank you for our friends, family and happy hearts.

Amen

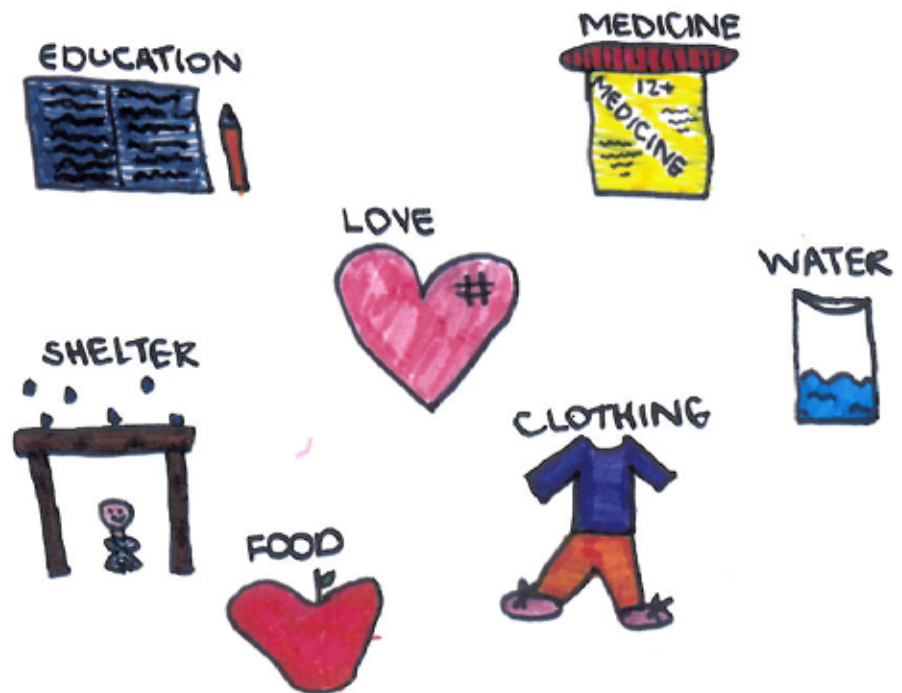
By Amica, St Mary's Primary School, Armidale

## A Prayer for People in Need

Dear God,

Please help those in need in our community and around the world. We pray that they will have enough food, water, clothing, shelter, education, jobs and medicine. Help us to be like Jesus and show care and compassion for those less fortunate.

Amen



By Lily, Ally, Chloe, Sophie, Bella, Nina, Patrick, Chris, Celleste and Josh, Holy Family Primary School, Lindfield



## May God Bless

May God bless the works of our Mini Vinnies.

May God bless our helping hands as they work to support the poor and underprivileged.

May God bless us as we work to give hope to the poor.

May God bless us with some rain to quench our dusty earth.

Amen

By St John's Primary School, Cobar

## Dear Jesus,

We love you! Please help us to say Yes today.

Yes to giving help to family members;

Yes to giving to charity;

Yes to love;

Yes to sharing our gifts and our time;

Yes to forgiving;

Yes to helping people in our school and community;

Yes to friends;

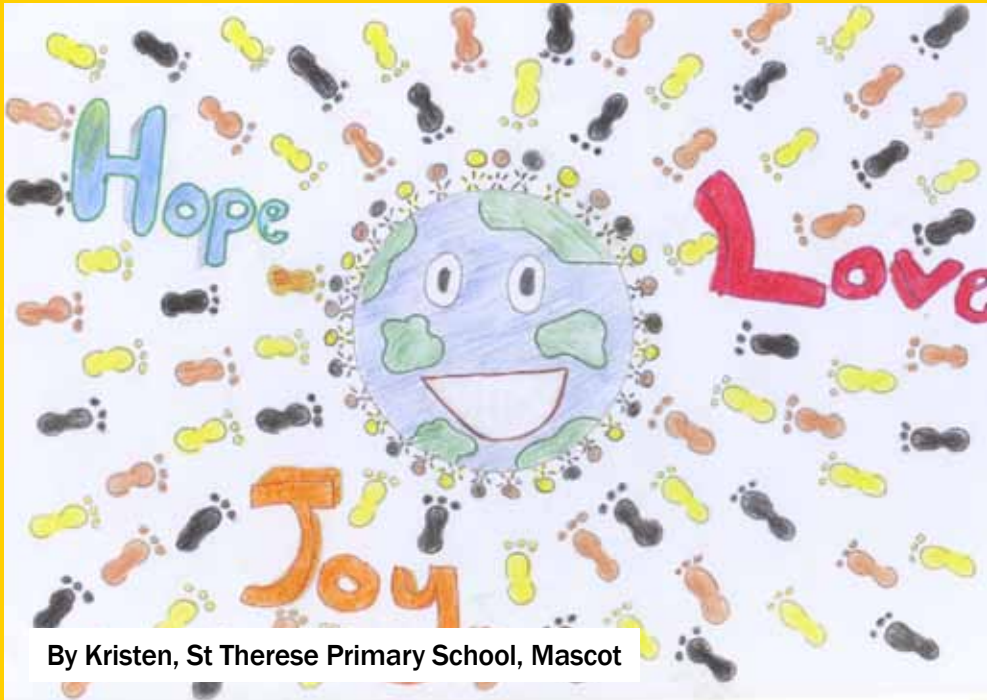
Yes to You!

Amen

By Holy Family Primary School, Skennars Head

By St John's Primary School, Cobar





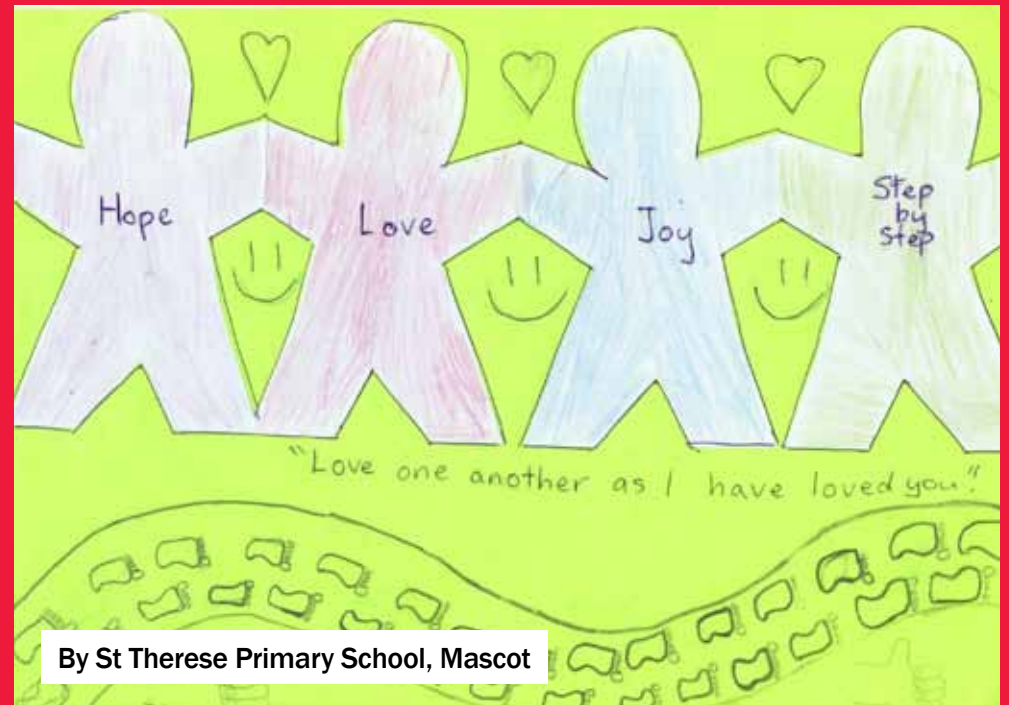
By Kristen, St Therese Primary School, Mascot



By Jennifer, St Therese Primary School, Mascot



By St Joseph's Primary School, Belmore



By St Therese Primary School, Mascot



By St Brendan's Primary School, Bankstown

## A Prayer for Children

The Good Shepherd loves his sheep and knows each  
one by its name;

Through the ups and downs he takes them as they live  
within their own game.

Poor, sick or weak - wealthy, healthy or strong,  
through the darkness let them find light and a helping  
hand to guide them along.

With your spirit bless all children, let them be filled with  
a warm heart, a smile and a hug, a warm blanket on a  
cold winter's night and a community filled with love.

We are all children of God who journey each  
and every day;

Bless us not just with your spirit but with your  
unconditional love and guidance along the way.

Amen

By St Brendan's Primary School, Bankstown

## Dear Lord,

Please help us while we journey through this year in Mini  
Vinnies and all the other children in school. Please make it a  
happy year for all of us.

By St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballina

## My Prayer

Dear Lord,

I pray for everyone that has diseases, disabilities, sicknesses and lowly people. I hope they improve and I will try to raise money for them.

Amen

By St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballina

## Loving God,

We give thanks to you for giving us a wonderful education and lots of opportunities to live our dreams.

We live everyday with the nature you have given us and we are forever grateful for this beautiful world. We give thanks for our fabulous families and friends.

Our Mini Vinnies mission is to gather everyone together, in your name, to support those who are not as lucky as us.

Thank you for showing us how to love everyone, especially those in need.

Thank you Lord for loving us.

Amen

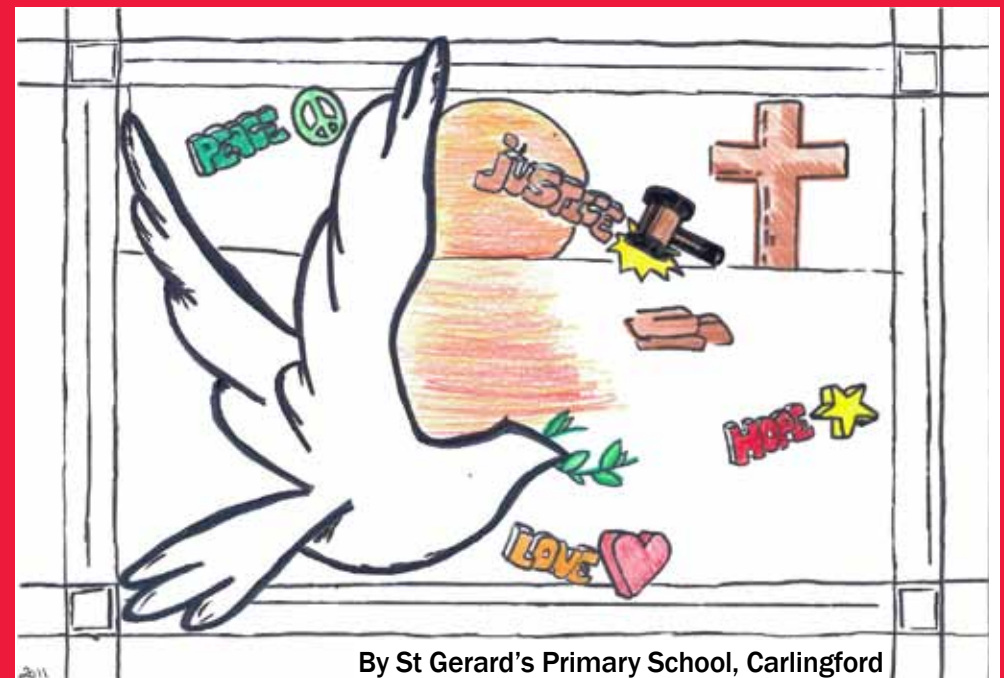
By Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville

## Our Peace Prayer

Dear God,

Please help us to make peace in the world. Give us strength to teach others how to be an image of your son's work. Give everybody in the world wisdom to stop all the wars and create peace. Thank you for helping our relatives defend and bring peace to our world. Help me not to see people as different races, as red or yellow, black or white. Instead, let me see them as persons who feel, who laugh, who cry, who are hurt or hate or even love just as I do. "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)

By St. Gerard's Primary School, Carlingford



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Dear Lord,

Together we love, together we grow,  
Through Mini Vinnies, this we know.  
Help us to reach out with hope and joy,  
For every man, woman, girl and boy.  
Through Mini Vinnies, we give others a lift,  
Please help us Lord, to nurture our gift.  
God, our spirit lies within your hands,  
Show us the roads throughout the lands.

Amen

By Jacinta and Alice, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Primary School, West Pymble



A Friendly Environment

Dear Lord,

Today we pray for our friends and the environment that  
makes our friendship grow.

In our society so many people fight and are teased and bullied.  
This can hurt and can make people emotionally suffer and  
become upset.

We pray that people have the strength to create an  
environment for friends to love, cherish and help each other.  
We also pray for those who have the courage to step in and  
help those in need who are being bullied.

We pray that everyone works together as one to create a  
friendly environment.

Amen

By Jordan, Rebecca, Madelaine and Sarah,  
St Cecilia's Primary School, Wyong



This collage represents the life of a fortunate individual in comparison to the life of a homeless person. The top half, with its vibrant and colourful patterned ribbons resembles how although the majority of fortunate individuals have their ups and downs in life, they are still very blessed and privileged with the many gifts that life has to offer them. On the bottom, the brown paper reflects the emptiness that could be felt by homeless people throughout their time on the streets.

By St Thomas' Primary School, Willoughby

## Lord our God,

We are a community who spreads your word.  
Please help those in need through us. Help us to help those who are caught up in natural disasters and those in need at war.

Jesus, saviour of the world, please help those who have cancer and those who need our love in hospital. Help everyone to know that You love us and even if we do something wrong You'll always forgive us if we are sorry.

Amen

By Mt St Patrick Primary School, Murwillumbah





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