

All: United in love and hope, bind us together again to be your apostles of the Good News and disciples of prayer. May we all live one day in the Kingdom of God that you have to each of us.
Amen

Leader: Mindful of the Holy Spirit's presence among us, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father

Closing Prayer

Leader: United as one body in the Lord, let us walk each day of this school year as brothers and sisters in Christ, filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit announcing that we are a Catholic faith community dedicated to learning and achieving high standards By supporting one another.

All: Amen



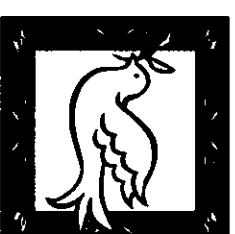
New Teacher Orientation

Year Two

Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools



Opening Prayer/Liturgy – August 2006



Renew the Face of the Earth

As staff and students we embrace the challenge we have received from the Spirit to go out and make a difference in our world. With joy and gratitude we take what we have learned and make a life long commitment to action that changes the world.

Opening Song

Go Make a Difference

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tamaszek

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of world
Not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a difference in the world

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope
We are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world

So let your love shine on
Let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world

Scriptural Reading Mt. 28:19-20

Go therefore, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teach them everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of time.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

General Intercessions (Alternate side 1 and 2)

Response: Lord. Hear our Prayer

Holy Spirit, you guide and protect us. As we call upon you in the beginning of this day and of this school year, we ask for your life and support to use our gifts generously, in the unique way you have blessed us, with all the staff and students we will work with this year.

We pray to the Lord (Response)

Love is the gift you have created us with. Even though all of us are unfinished pieces of art, teach us to see you through your eyes and help us to embrace one another with unconditional love.

We pray to the Lord (Response)

Holy Spirit, you nourish and strengthen us. As we journey through each new day, be our companion through our joys and success as well as in the midst of the changes and tension that may come our way.

We pray to the Lord (Response)

Giver of life and hope, we hear your voice calling us to lead like you. Please remain with us throughout this year that we may be able to serve you with all our heart and strength, bringing us closer to Christ.

We pray to the Lord (Response)