

## Closing Prayer

### Side one

Lord, Jesus Christ, We belong to you.  
You are our light and hope and our strength.  
You have called us by name.  
You have given us a sacred mission to carry  
Out in this world.  
You have called us your friends  
You have poured light into our darkness,  
Empowering us to bring to light to theirs.

### Side two

Set us one fire with an ever deeper and ever more passionate  
faith, with hearts ready to love, to forgive and to serve.  
Lord, give us light, courage and joy to move forward with you  
Through all that remains ahead of us on this  
mysterious and holy journey.

All: Amen.

## Final Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you.  
May the light of your soul bless the work  
that you do with the secret love and warmth of  
Your heart.  
May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul  
May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of  
refreshment, inspiration and excitement.  
May you be present in what you do  
May you feel the presence of God in all that you do.

**Amen**

John O'Donohue

## With Gratitude for Each Other

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## Opening Prayer/Liturgy



### *Opening Song*

#### **Send Out Your Spirit**

Jesse Manibusan

**O God, send out your Spirit;  
renew the face of the earth.  
O God, send out your Spirit;  
renew the face of the earth.**

1. We bless you, O God,  
for you are so great.

Your Spirit uncovers  
hidden beauty and grace.

Though times we deny  
all the pain and the tears,  
your Spirit empowers us  
and soon we face our fear.

2. Every prayer we pray,  
sacred word, sacred rite,

is for the ones who are left waiting outside.

Every sermon we preach,  
every Spirit-filled tune;

Love says, O Remember why we  
do the things we do.

3. Every time a person reaching out  
is turned away by the racist  
prejudicial attitudes of hate,  
we are called to break the silence,  
sanctioning the shame,  
stepping across the lines of this  
sometimes unholy game.

4. Sources of oppression  
that we have-not really faced;  
human inhumanity upon  
the human race.

Spirit ever faithful,

Spirit ever true,

rain down all around,

And every heart renew.

## Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we gather today to celebrate our staff, the angels among us, who have devoted their time to our students and our school. Their love and devotion has enriched our school community in so many ways. May your love, lived through the hands, the mind and hearts of each person richly bless each person as we gather here today. We pray in Jesus name.

Amen

## Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Dear Friends, let us love one another because Love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God. Whoever does not love does not know God. And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.

**The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## A Psalm for all who keep God's Word

**All:** Happy are those who are doers of the Word, who hear God's word and keep it.

Voice 1. One thing alone does God require and that is what we seek to accomplish: To do justice, to love tenderly, to walk humbly with our God.

**All:** Happy are those who are doers of the Word, who hear God's word and keep it.

Voice 2. The Word of God is a lamp to our feet. A lantern to our path, The light of the world. Crying out for a sign of hope and illumination.

**All:** Happy are those who are doers of the Word, who hear God's word and keep it.

Voice 3. The word of God is a spark of the living among the rubble. Igniting a global consciousness to ways we are one world only. A beacon burning deep in the hearts of those who seek justice and peace.

**All:** Happy are those who are doers of the Word, who hear God's word and keep it.

Voice 4. The word of God is the word made flesh, in every generation. In the outcasts of the system. On the margins of prestige and power. On the downside of tradition, in every face and every place. Where God's own spirit dwells.

**All:** Happy are those who are doers of the Word, who hear God's word and keep it.



“We are each of us angels with only one wing. We can only fly embracing each other.” L. De Crescendo