

First Year Prayer August 2020

Sign of the Cross:

Dear Lord, as we gather here this morning to welcome our new students and pray for one another and every member of the Heywood School Community. We have all experienced a profound life moment due to lockdown and Covid 19, which will someday enter our history books. We ask God's help this morning in keeping to the forefront of our mind that each person in this room has been affected by this event in one way or another.

Some of us may have found the time in lockdown particularly difficult- the isolation from family, friends and school for many of us has been quite a struggle. Some of us may have worried about the situation, but used the time to enjoy family time, getting out in nature, connection through technology as well as some important time to slow down and rest.

Whatever the experience we have each had, we ask God's help in being kind to one another- to remember that all members of our school community have gone through and continue to deal with the effects of Covid 19 on our everyday life. We ask God today to help us never to judge the way someone else deals with a situation, because we are all uniquely made in God's image.

Finally, we thank God for bringing us to this time and place today, a little closer to normality, seeing our friends and meeting new classmates. We ask God to increase our hope and our faith and to calm our nerves and anxieties that we might be feeling today on our first day here in Heywood. Help us to respect one another, be kind and to enjoy the time we will spend together today and this year and all of the learning we will do together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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