

A Blessing for Grace's Rally Day

Let us bless our Sunday School spaces:

Gracious and loving God,

Bless our Sunday School rooms, and the supplies we use for Sunday School and Confirmation:

Bless our time and resources – bibles, paper, scissors and supplies - so that they may be like the widow's jar of oil and sack of flour that are always enough, and do not run out.

May our children's learning always flow with the resources, ideas and creativity that inspire faith, relationship and joy in your presence.

Inspire our children's and teacher's wonderment and engagement.

Let us bless Grace's parking spaces:

We ask you, O God, to fill them, but more than that we ask that the families who use them might arrive eager to learn and leave eager to share and apply your Word.

Grant safety in our families' journeys to and from this place. Use moments in the car to bring our families closer together and closer to You.

Still the traffic of their lives, so that our parking spaces might be more than just a space for a vehicle.

May it be a space for You, O God.

Bless everyone in our community who are concerned about the wellbeing of our children.

Help our community work together for the good of our children.

Rather than being despondent about lives filled with all the events, activities, homework and busyness that distracts and pulls at our time,

Move us toward passion, service and joy for the sake of the Gospel. In the name of Jesus, Amen!



CELEBRATION OF VOCATION AND BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at Work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

In our service today and in our daily lives,

let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

Sign a cross on the palms of your hands:

God bless your hands and your work,

that through us God's love may be known.

Amen.

Bless those who go out from here to labor at Rise Against Hunger this Saturday.

Prosper the work of our hands.

Bless the meals we are preparing to be used around the world.

May those who receive them be nourished and strengthened, and may these gifts be a sign of your love to all people.

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever.

Amen.