

## **Monday 15 September**

Today, the Church remembers the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary Mother of God and her compassion with the suffering of her Divine Son, Jesus.

Oh God who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ may merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

Hail Mary...

## **Tuesday 16 September**

We pray for our school and our Patron Saint Ninian who celebrates his feast day today.

Eternal God,

Bless all schools, colleges and universities, especially St Ninian's, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen. Saint Ninian pray for us.

## **Wednesday 17 September**

Father of Light and Wisdom,  
thank you for giving me  
a mind that can know  
and a heart that can love.  
Help me to keep learning every day of my life--  
no matter what the subject may be.  
Let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to you  
and let me know how to find you and love you  
in all the things you have made.  
Encourage me when the studies are difficult  
and when I am tempted to give up  
Enlighten me when my brain is slow  
and help me to grasp the truth held out to me.  
Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use  
in building the kingdom of God on earth  
so that I may enter the kingdom of God in heaven.

Amen.

### **Thursday 18 September**

Today represents a day in our country's history as votes are cast to decide how we will be governed in the future. Some of our pupils will vote for the first time and face challenging choices. We pray that you will grant us all wisdom and courage to face up to these challenges and that whatever the outcome you will grant us your peace.

Our Father,

### **Friday 19 September**

God, you are the one who loves us and calls to live life to the full. We thank you today for people who help us to celebrate life, for those who help us to discover ourselves and to recognise your presence in all around us. We thank you for writers and musicians, who share their vision of life with the world and enrich our lives with humour and mystery and beauty. God, help us to celebrate life gladly in all its mystery and all its glory, that whatever challenges lie ahead, your kingdom may come in and through us.

We ask it in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

God to enfold us, God to surround us,  
God in our speaking, God in our thinking,  
God in our life, God in our lips,  
God in our souls, God in our hearts.