

Prayers Week Beginning 16th September 2024

Monday 16th September

Today we celebrate the feast of our School Patron Saint Ninian. Ninian was born in the middle of the 4th century on the Solway Firth, the border between England and Scotland. His father was a Cumbrian, Celtic chieftain, mainly engaged in fighting the Picts, Angles and Gaels (from Ireland) – all of whom were trying to gain control after the collapse of the Roman Empire. Ninian was a giant of a man (both physically and of the Church). His father wanted him to be a soldier, but Ninian was determined to be a soldier for Christ. When he was 18, he went to Rome for deeper instruction in the faith and was made a bishop.

Saint Ninian,
first to preach the Good News of Christ in our land,
hear our prayers and present them to the Lord,
whom you served so faithfully.
Gain for us a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
abundant vocations to the priesthood and religious life,
deeper faith in God's merciful love,
stronger love for God and for our neighbour,
a renewal of Christian life in our nation.
May we imitate your fidelity to the call of Christ and your passion to share the truth He
brought us, and also be
found worthy to share the heavenly reward.

Amen.

Tuesday 17th September

With conflicts going on in so many countries we remember those whose lives have been upset with loss. Loss of family, homes and even everyday life. We pray for peace that one day these conflicts will end and those affected return to a safe and normal life.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.



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Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

Amen.

Wednesday 18th September

We all have those go-to friends with whom we can share our dreams, worries and concerns, the ones we can act silly with, the ones that make us laugh, cheer us up when we are down, and listen to us without judgement. Good friendships give us those warm feelings inside; they make us laugh and are missed when they are not around.

Loving God,

I pray for the grace to be a good friend. May I be a gentle presence in the life of my friends, always willing to listen and to forgive. Remind me of the importance of friendship.

You have blessed us with the gift of friendship. We thank you for the blessing of friends who love us, who share our joys and sorrows, who laugh with us in celebration, and who need us as we need them. We thank you for the friends who give us the freedom to be ourselves.

Help us to always be a friend to others, no matter who they are. Help us to always reach out in friendship to all those we meet.

Amen.

Thursday 19th September

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for the good times we enjoy with our families; for the fun and the friendship; for the moments we feel deeply known and loved by each other. Help us cherish each member of our family. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



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Friday 20th September

Jesus, as a child you grew in learning and wisdom.
Bless Saint Ninian's High School, a community of faith and love
where young people learn, work and grow together.
Help us to make our school a place where teachers are valued for their dedication.
where pupils are encouraged to develop their talents and where all staff,
young people and parents – work together in trust and friendship.
Live among us now and forever.

Amen.

Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death,

Amen.



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