Ten:Ten Resources | COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

You Before Me

Monday

Prayer Leader:

Have you every got into an argument that is about something really silly?

Maybe about who should get the first scoop of ice cream from the tub?

Or the number of presents you've been given compared to someone else?

What did it take for you to realise that it was a silly thing to argue about?

How did you feel?
Maybe a bit embarrassed, or a bit ungrateful?

Prayer Leader:

Jesus' disciples once had a really silly argument that they felt very embarrassed about afterwards!

It was an argument about which one of them was the greatest.

When Jesus heard about it, He sat them down and said to them:

Reader:

"If anyone wants to be great in God's eyes, they must put others first."

Prayer Leader:

Jesus explained that to become truly great and good people, we must serve others.

This week, we're praying for those who serve us. We'll also ask Jesus to help us put others first and say, happily, 'you before me.'

Prayer Leader:

Today we are thanking Jesus for all the nurses, doctors and everyone else who works in healthcare.

They care for us when we are ill.

They put others first and are there whenever we need help.

All:

Dear Jesus,
Hear our prayer for nurses and doctors.
Give them loving friends to care for their needs, just like they care for ours.
Amen

Prayer Leader:

Jesus says that the more we serve others,
the greater we become.

Let's be inspired by the people who look after us
when we're sick.

Think to yourself: what can I do today to
care for others?

Maybe I could…

…really listen to my friend when they're talking
to me. I could ask them a question to show that
I care about what they're saying.

…send a card to a family member that I don't see
very much, asking how they are.

…read someone a story from a book or make one up.

Prayer Leader:

Sometimes it's not always easy to
put others first… but we can always ask
the Holy Spirit to help us!

All:

Dear God,
Send Your Holy Spirit to help me
grow in love for you.
Help me to serve you with all my heart
by putting others first today.

Amen

Tuesday

Prayer Leader:

This week, we're praying for those who serve us.

We're also asking Jesus to help us serve others – to help us put 'you before me' – because Jesus said:

Reader:

"If anyone wants to be great in God's eyes, they must put others first."

Prayer Leader:

Today we're thinking about people who work in transport.

Thank you Jesus for all the bus drivers, train drivers and those who help us get to where we need to go.

They are there every day, at the same time, so that we can get to school or see our family and friends.

They have to get up early and travel far.

All:

Dear Jesus,
Hear our prayer for people who take us to places.
Keep them safe and give them the rest they need at the end of the day.
Amen

Prayer Leader:

Jesus says that the more we serve others, the greater we become.

Let's be inspired by people who help us get to where we need to go.

Think to yourself: What can I do today to help other people on their way?

Maybe I could…

…hold the door open for others.

…carry the shopping.

…hold my little brother or sister's hand as they cross the road.

Prayer Leader:

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put others first… but we can always ask
the Holy Spirit to help us!

All:

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grow in love for you.
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by putting others first today.

Amen

Wednesday

Prayer Leader:

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We're also asking Jesus to help us serve others –
to help us put 'you before me' –
because Jesus said:

Reader:

*"If anyone wants to be great in God's eyes,
they must put others first."*

Prayer Leader:

Today we're thinking about people who serve us at lunchtime at school.

The canteen staff make and serve our food. They get to work early in the morning, to make sure our food is ready for us when we are hungry.

The midday supervisors help keep us happy and safe as we play outside. They often have to put up with children being noisy and messy, and sometimes even cheeky!

All:

Dear Jesus,
Hear our prayer for those who serve us at lunchtime.
Help us always to speak kindly to others.
Amen

Prayer Leader:

Jesus says that the more we serve others, the greater we become.

Let's be inspired by people who serve us at lunchtime in school.

Think to yourself: What can I do today to

serve others?

Maybe I could…

…help to make the dinner or set the table tonight.

…share my treats and snacks with others.

…lets others go first in a game.

…be especially kind and thoughtful in how I speak to others.

… say thank you to those who serve me food today.

Prayer Leader:

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put others first… but we can always ask
the Holy Spirit to help us!

All:

Dear God,
Send Your Holy Spirit to help me
grow in love for you.
Help me to serve you with all my heart
by putting others first today.

Amen

Thursday

Prayer Leader:

This week, we're praying for those who serve us.

We're also asking Jesus to help us serve others – to help us put 'you before me' – because Jesus said:

Reader:

"If anyone wants to be great in God's eyes, they must put others first."

Prayer Leader:

Today we're thinking about all the cleaners, the refuse collectors and the caretakers who clear up after us.

They tidy things that they haven't made messy.

If they didn't do their job, we would live in a much dirtier, smellier place.

All:

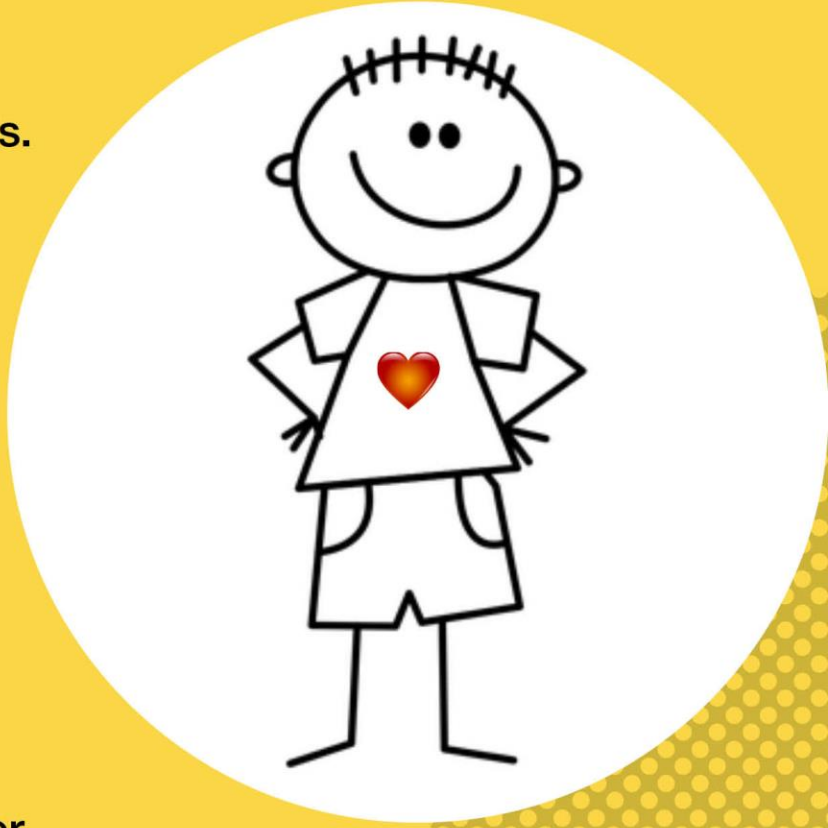
Dear Jesus,
Hear our prayer for those who clean up after us.
Give them chances to see beauty.
Help us remember to look after the place we live in and not leave things lying around.
Amen

Prayer Leader:

Jesus says that the more we serve others,
the greater we become.

Let's be inspired by people who clean up our mess.

Think to yourself: What can I do today to
make the world a nicer place
for others?



Maybe I could…

…put any rubbish that I see into the bin,
even if it's not mine.

…help clear away the dishes at the end of dinner.

…draw a picture and put it up in my home.

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put others first… but we can always ask
the Holy Spirit to help us!

All:

Dear God,
Send Your Holy Spirit to help me
grow in love for you.
Help me to serve you with all my heart
by putting others first today.

Amen

Friday

Prayer Leader:

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We're also asking Jesus to help us serve others – to help us put 'you before me' – because Jesus said:

Reader:

"If anyone wants to be great in God's eyes, they must put others first."

Prayer Leader:

Jesus says that the more we serve others, the greater we become.

This week, we've been serving others.

Let's reflect with Jesus about this.

On Monday, I…

On Tuesday, I…

On Wednesday, I…

On Thursday, I…

What did you enjoy doing most?

Prayer Leader:

Jesus cares for the needs of all of us.

Putting others first doesn't mean that we can't take a rest as well.

In fact it's really important that we rest, so that we can recharge our batteries before serving again!

How are you feeling today?

How do you need to rest?

All:

Dear Jesus,
You are with me in my waking and in my sleeping.
You are with me in my working and in my playing.
Help me to serve, but also to rest when I need to.
Amen

Prayer Leader:

Let's finish our prayers for the week by thanking God for His great world and for our brothers and sisters who share it with us.

All:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be.

Amen