



Mustard Seed Planting Prayer

The following prayer can be used for to announce the Mustard Seed Challenge to the school. It can be used for morning prayer over the announcements, as part of a school liturgy or any other appropriate moment.

Reader 1: A reading from the Gospel of Luke: He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

Reader 2: The parable of the mustard seed reminds us that with God, the smallest of beginnings can grow into the most wonderful and magnificent things. We are all called through our Catholic education to be mustard seeds in the world –small signs of God’s loving presence.

Reader 3: Our school has been growing a mustard seed plant since (date you planted your seed here). As part of Catholic Education Week, we are participating in the Mustard Seed Challenge from Development and Peace.

Reader 1: As our tiny seeds grow, we will be actively working to build the kingdom of God in our school. We need your help to see how many loonies and toonies our mustard seed plant can grow. (details here on how you are collecting them) The loonie and toonies we collect, like mustard seeds, will help Development and Peace to grow justice in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Reader 2: Loving God, as we plant these seeds today, we remember the farmers around the world who need our solidarity. Let us walk forward together with them and with all the world’s poor. We want a world where no one goes hungry.

Reader 3: Plant the seed of Love and Justice in our hearts, so that we to can help build the Kingdom of God. Amen.