

Intercession in behalf of Sunday School Work.

Under the sanction of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Church of England Sunday School Institute in England has suggested that Sunday and Monday, October 20th and 21st, should be observed as days of Intercession in behalf of our Sunday Schools and Sunday School Work. The Archbishop of Ontario has accepted the suggestion, and has expressed a hope that there may be some observance of one or both these days in all our Dioceses, so that the Church in Canada may unite with the Church of England throughout the World in seeking God's blessing upon this important branch of our Common Work.

Our Bishop therefore asks the Clergy to bring this subject before their Congregations on Sunday, the 20th instant, and also to add some suitable Collects or Prayers either in the course of Service or at the close of the Sermon and before the Blessing.

It would also be very suitable to bring the matter before the children themselves in Sunday School and to offer special intercession. And in some places it may be feasible on Monday, the 21st instant, to hold some Special Social Gathering of the Children and their Parents, dwelling for a portion of the time with Prayer and Singing upon the blessings which are assured to those who are brought up in God's faith and fear. The following Prayers are suitable, and the Bishop authorizes them for use in the Diocese of Quebec :

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy Servants, who teach our children, Thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word, spoken by their mouths, may have such good success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that our children may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver

out of Thy most Holy Word or agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation; that in all their words and deeds they may seek Thy Glory and the increase of Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty: we make our humble supplications unto Thee for the children of our Sunday Schools. Let Thy Fatherly Hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate our children in their Baptisms by Thy Holy Spirit, to receive them for Thine own children by adoption and to incorporate them into Thy Holy Church. And humbly we beseech Thee to grant, that they being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His Death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as they have been made partakers of the Death of Thy Son, they may also be partakers of His Resurrection, so that finally, with the residue of Thy Holy Church, they may be inheritors of Thine Everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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