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In a time when there is little reverence for the image of God in the human person, we are summoned to care for human life with an ultimate respect.

Lord God, keep us mindful of your image present in our children.

In a culture where communication is increasingly commercialized, we are invited to prayer and worship.

Lord God, let us hear anew your invitation to prayer and communion with you.

In a world marked by poverty, oppression and war, we are commanded to work for justice and peace.

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, strengthen our resolve as we stand for justice and peace in your name.

In a society marked by personality cults, we are called to bear witness to Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, and to reverence him in the poor, the lowly and the marginalized.

Lord Jesus, brother of the poor, continue to heal us as we grow from our own poverty to serve and to heal all children in your name.

In a time which often seems to be without goals or ennobling aspirations, we are challenged to declare ours and to dedicate our lives to their achievement.

Lord God, as we partner on the journey of Catholic education, we pray that our children will have the grace through our guidance and your care to discover their true vocation and to live it to the full.

In an age which seems more fearful of the future, we are directed to give an account of the hope that is within us.

Lord Jesus, we proclaim your life, death and resurrection as our hope and our salvation. May we ever instill in our children the gift of faith, rooted in hope and bound in love.