

**Pledge Prayer**

- ❖ Lord send your Holy Spirit to strengthen me.
- ❖ Holy Spirit, give me the gift of **wisdom** so that I may make the right decision and know the right way to treat others.
- ❖ Bless me with **understanding** that I may not use my talents to hurt or crush others.
- ❖ Help me with the gift of **right judgement** so that I may know the difference between right and wrong.
- ❖ Grant me the **courage** to act as Jesus would.
- ❖ Give me **wonder and awe** that I may respect the earth and those who live in it.
- ❖ May I have **knowledge** to help me know God more in my heart and that I may know my own path in life.
- ❖ Lord thank you for the wonderful gift of my life, and I promise not to take alcoholic drinks until I am at least over the age of 16 years.

**Presentation of Certificates**

Celebrant presents Certificates to the students.  
Students turn, bow and return to their families.

**The Lords Prayer**

**Concluding Prayer**

Dear Lord Jesus, look down on these young people with your favour and shower them with your love. Let your presence, by the Holy Spirit, be felt to them in every step of their life. In times of sorrow, comfort them; in time of uncertainty, guide them; in times of joy, surround them; and in times of sinfulness, redeem them. Lord we thank you for the lives of these young people and for the hopes and dreams they represent, send them out to not only make a difference in the world but to be a difference. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*Ceremony of Commitment*



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## Introduction and Greeting

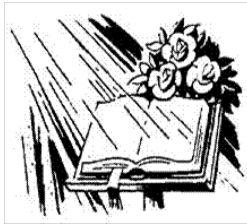
### Opening Prayer

Let Us Pray

God of Love, we thank you for setting the path before us. Help us to glorify you with our steps, and to bring you to those we meet. If we are to run let it be towards you, if we are to fall let us understand your mercy, if we are to stop let it be in your grace. Wherever we go, help us to remember you are already there, our loving friend who guides and protects us always, through Christ our Lord. Amen

### A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is pure and good, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.



### This is the Word of the Lord

### Reflection – Celebrant

## Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's goodness and conscious of our own weakness, we confess our shortcomings and ask for His special help.

1. Let us pray for those whose lives are being damaged by alcohol. **Lord hear us.**
2. Comfort innocent victims of excessive drinking, especially children and those maimed by car accidents. **Lord hear us.**
3. Help excessive drinkers to overcome their dependence on alcohol and console those who share their lives. **Lord hear us.**
4. Let us pray for deceased members of the Pioneer Association of the Parish of Doora-Barefield. **Lord hear us**
5. Let us pray that the Lord will bless our efforts to abstain from drink until we are 16 years of age. **Lord hear us.**

O God guide and cherish these young adults and give them the grace of determination to keep the Pledge which they are about to make. Help them to live their lives fully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

