JULY 2024

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Learning and loving with Christ as our teacher

PRAYER AT HOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, as a way to honour and reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. We remember how Jesus loved us and shed his blood on the cross to save us from our sins. Just like how blood is precious and important for our bodies, Jesus' blood is precious and valuable for our souls.

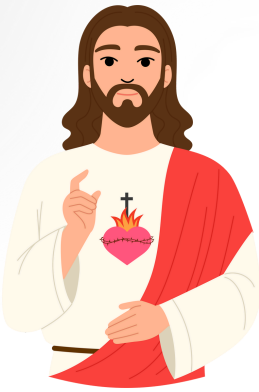
During this month, we are encouraged to think about the sacrifice Jesus made for us and to thank him for his love and mercy. It is a time to reflect on the importance of Jesus' sacrifice and to deepen our faith and connection to God.

Let us journey together in prayer during the month of July.

God Bless,

Mrs Linda Payne
Executive Headteacher

The Precious Blood of Jesus



Gather Together

1. Find a quiet space and sit together.
2. Begin by making the sign of the cross.



Listen

3. Read from the quote from the First letter of St Peter (1:19).



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Reflect

4. The verse from the First Letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verse 19, "but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or defect," is a beautiful and important reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. In this verse, Jesus is compared to a perfect lamb without any flaws, symbolising his purity and innocence. Just like how a lamb was traditionally offered as a sacrifice in the Old Testament to atone for sins, Jesus, through his death on the cross and the shedding of his blood, became the ultimate sacrifice for all of our sins.

This verse teaches us that Jesus' blood is precious and valuable because it was freely given out of love for us. It is through his sacrifice that we are forgiven and saved. When we reflect on this verse, we are reminded of the great love that Jesus has for each one of us and the incredible gift of salvation that he offers. It encourages us to be grateful for Jesus' sacrifice and to strive to live our lives in a way that honours and reflects his love and mercy.

Pray

5. Spend a minute in complete stillness and quiet reflecting and then say the prayer below together.

Dear Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who shed his Precious Blood for us out of love and mercy. During this special month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ, help us to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us and to appreciate the forgiveness and salvation that his blood brings.

May we always be grateful for the gift of your Son and strive to follow his example of love and compassion. Help us to understand the importance of Jesus' sacrifice and to live our lives in a way that reflects his teachings.

Bless us, dear God, with your grace and guidance as we journey through this month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. May we grow in faith, hope, and love, and may we always remember the precious gift of salvation that Jesus offers us through his blood.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen



Living out the Message



6. Children can live out the message and remember the importance of the Precious Blood of Christ by:

- showing kindness and forgiveness towards others, just as Jesus forgave us through his Precious Blood;
- helping those in need and sharing with others, reflecting the selfless love of Jesus;
- praying for those who are suffering or in difficult situations, asking for the healing power of Jesus' Precious Blood to be with them;
- being grateful for the blessings in their lives and recognising the gift of salvation through Jesus' sacrifice;
- participating in acts of service and charity to spread the message of love and redemption that comes from the Precious Blood of Christ.