

WEE BOX Day of Prayer

WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2024



**"The Day of Prayer is a powerful morning
of fellowship, sharing faith and praying for
our brothers and sisters with SCIAF"**

St Peter the Apostle High School, Clydebank

“Prayer is ‘water for the soul’. It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly.”

- Pope Francis



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**Friday
8th March
2024**

We invite you to join us as we come together in prayer on the WEE BOX Day of Prayer.

Today, as a community, we pause to reflect, connect, and pray for healing and hope for communities in Rwanda.

We know that through prayer we can deepen our relationship with God, seek guidance, and offer support to those in need. Prayer also allows us to express love and gratitude to God and can motivate us to take action for social justice.

Use these materials to organise your own prayer service at lunch, during an assembly, or as part of a classroom lesson.

Show your participation in this day by sharing photos on social media using **#WEEBOXDayofPrayer**



“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

- Hebrews 13:16

🔊 Use these prayers for opening or closing your WEE BOX Day of Prayer service.



WEE BOX Prayer

**Loving Father, Merciful God, we worship You.
You are a mighty God, far above the sin of this world,
yet You choose to show compassion
to each of us because You love us.**

**We remember the country of Rwanda.
Bring Your comfort on those who live
with trauma and suffering,
and bring Your healing power in their lives.**

**Help us understand the ways of Jesus better,
so that we can show love in action
to our sisters and brothers across the world.
Amen**



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**Prayer written by Bishop Edouard SINAYOBYE,
Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese
of Cyangugu, Rwanda.**

Lord our God,
May we pray together with the entire Diocese
for Rwanda to always remain a land of peace.
We pray for peace in our hearts.
Peace within families,
and peace for all people living in this country.

We pray for our friends at SCIAF,
who have been of great assistance to us.
We are aware that it is through their generosity,
that we accomplish many things.
May the Lord always be present in our lives,
manifesting His Love in our lives and in our mission.

May the Lord bless us all,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen



Suggested Hymns

Gather us in

(Laudate 475)

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

(Laudate 721)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

(Laudate 820)

Here I am, Lord

(Laudate 865)

Be thou my vision

(Laudate 970)



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SCIAF Bidding prayers for Lent 2024

☛ For the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may lead all of us in the Church to a deeper conversion so we can clearly hear the cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For world leaders:

We pray for world leaders: that they may make wise decisions for the good of all the members of our global family.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For our global family:

We pray for the poorest communities in our global family, especially those in Rwanda who are in need. May our actions this Lent be signs of hope for all.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For Catholic Education:

We ask that You bless the educational endeavours of our young people here in Scotland and young people in Rwanda. May they both have access to quality education that equips them for a life filled with promise and purpose.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For women and girls:

Loving God, we pray for the safety and protection of women and girls in Rwanda. Shield them from harm, violence, and exploitation, and grant them a peaceful and secure future.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For global justice and peace:

We pray that the Spirit of peace will give us the strength to build a just world together. Inspire leaders and decision makers to advocate for a society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For hope and faith:

Heavenly Guide, grant women and girls of Rwanda the gift of hope and faith. May they find solace and strength in their relationship with You, knowing that You are always with them.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

☛ For ourselves:

Holy Spirit, fill us with thanksgiving and love for all of Creation. In our daily choices help us to be kind, remembering that our choices make a difference to our sisters and brothers around the world.

Lord hear us.

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Village scenes,
Rwanda

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PowerPoint reflection: God of comfort

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father and the God who gives every possible encouragement; he supports us in every hardship, so that we are able to come to the support of others, in every hardship of theirs because of the encouragement that we ourselves receive from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow into our lives; so too does the encouragement we receive through Christ.”

– 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5



God of Comfort
2 Corinthians 1:3-5
Lent 2024

Linda and her Grandson

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Uniting the world
in prayer

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Big change

Use the **God of comfort PowerPoint** in your prayer service as a meditation on **2 Corinthians 1: 3-5**, which features photos of SCIAF's work in Rwanda.

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PowerPoint reflection: Sister Epiphanie's story

Today, we think of all the women across the world whose leadership and service are rooted in love for their communities. Women who may not always be recognised and celebrated, but who show the true greatness Jesus spoke of.

“Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.”
- Matthew 20:26



Use the **International Women's Day PowerPoint** to share Sister Epiphanie's inspiring story during the **WEE BOX Day of Prayer**.

Sister Epiphanie
is part of the Justice
and Peace Commission
in Rwanda, one of
SCIAF's partners.

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**Read this reflection as part of your
WEE BOX Day of Prayer service.**

**'Do not neglect to do good and
to share what you have, for such
sacrifices are pleasing to God.'**

- Hebrews 13:16

During this season of Lent we are focused on reflection, repentance, and renewal. This verse provides for us a poignant reminder of these things.

Imagine if everyone shared a little of what they had. Sharing isn't just about material things. It's also about sharing a smile, lending a hand or helping someone when they're feeling down. Doing good and sharing shouldn't be one-off gestures but everyday actions in our lives, throughout Lent and beyond.

The sacrifices we are asked to make start with giving up chocolates or sweets for Lent, but they don't end there. Instead, it's the daily giving of yourself, whether through time, or simply a listening ear when a friend wants to talk.

Through our actions and almsgiving this Lent, we mirror Jesus's own sacrifices and His unwavering commitment to uplift those in need. Through small yet meaningful sacrifices, we not only find favour in the eyes of God but also create ripples of positive change within our families, our Parish and school communities – and for global neighbours.

As we journey through Lent, may we be inspired by this call to do good and to share what we have, understanding that our truest offerings are those made in love, kindness, and selflessness, pleasing not just to God but also to our own souls.

Village scenes, Rwanda

