

GRADUATION OPENING PRAYER

Loving Creator

**We gather this evening in a spirit of gratitude.
Grateful to you Lord for the gift of creation which daily reminds
us of your awesomeness and magnificence.**

**We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, who is our way,
our truth and our life.**

**We thank you for the gift of a Catholic School education which gives our young
people a great Christian foundation for the rest of their lives.**

**We thank you Lord in a special way for the Sisters of Mercy and the gifts they
brought to our school since it was opened in 1961.**

**We thank you for our very dedicated school staff, who day in and day out
labor to help our children to grow in your likeness and prepare them to be
responsible stewards in tomorrow's church and society.**

**We thank you for the parents and grandparents of our graduates,
all of whom have sacrificed much to have their son and daughter in our school.**

**We thank you for the many hours of time, treasure and talent
they have given to our school.**

We thank you Lord for our graduates and celebrate their achievements.

**Each in his and her own way have blessed our school
with their gifts and uniqueness.**

**May each of our graduates be a beautiful and radiant sign of your light
in their new school next year.**

May they never forget how precious they are in your eyes.

**May our glorious Holy Spirit guide and protect our graduates
as they move to a new chapter in their lives.**

**May Mary, our Mother, keep these graduates, filled with so much
potential close to the heart of Jesus and our church family.**

All of this, we pray through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.