Prepare the prayer space with a bible, a crucifix and a candle. If possible, bring fresh flowers to the classroom or a potted plant to keep in the classroom throughout the school year and place it by a previously prepared prayer space.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Leader: (Read the following or something similar to this)

This month’s saint is St. Rose of Lima, who cared for the sick and did works of charity among the poor. We will start the new school year by saying a prayer asking God to allow us all to follow her example of caring for the poor. As we start this new school year we ask that God bless us and guide us so that we may have His love fill our hearts and have His Holy Spirit be with us, changing us, so that we may tell everyone we meet about our faith.

(Ask your students to repeat after you)

Dear Heavenly Father,

as we begin our school year,

we ask that you bless us all and this day of new beginnings.

Smile upon the staff and student body,

and surround us, Lord,

with the soft mantle of your love.

May we all imitate the selflessness of St. Rose of Lima.

Help us and teach us to live life in the ways of

love, faith, hope and charity,

so that we may form and develop faithful missionary disciples

that will follow your call to serve others.

May we always remember to be grateful for our blessings and be generous of heart, time, and sacrificial giving, so that we may continue to encourage and support all those working to spread the Gospel by doing missionary work all around the world.

We ask this through your Son,

Jesus Christ... Amen
Missionary Prayer Service
For the start of the School Year

Grades: 3rd - 5th

Prepare the prayer space with a bible, a crucifix and a candle. If possible, bring fresh flowers to the classroom or a potted plant to keep in the classroom throughout the school year and place it by a previously prepared prayer space.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reading: Matthew 5: 13-16 (two minutes of silence for reflection)

Leader: (Read the following or something similar to this)
This month’s saint is St. Rose of Lima, who cared for the ill and did works of charity among the poor. We are gathered here today to say a prayer asking God to allow us to follow her example of caring for the poor so that our light can shine before others. As we start this new school year, we ask that God bless us and guide us allowing His love to fill our hearts, allowing His Holy Spirit to be among us, transforming us and renewing us to be salt and light to the world, bearing witness of our faith to all we encounter. As St. Rose of Lima did through her works of charity among the poor, may we bear witness to the love that God has for the poor and vulnerable.

Petitions:  

- God, our heavenly Father, give us missionary hearts so that we may identify and be humble, caring and loving with those who are poor and needy. R/
- God, our heavenly Father, may we always proclaim and share your Gospel to extend the kingdom of God to build up the Body of Christ here on Earth. R/
- God, our heavenly Father, give us the will to model St. Rose of Lima, to bring your presence to others fulfilling the call you make to us, to live out our vocation of being your disciples. R/
- God, our heavenly Father, may we be able to regard all others as our brothers and sisters, extending a helping hand to the members of our Christian family in our neighborhoods and across the world. R/
- God, our heavenly Father, may we use the strength that comes from deepening our faith to promote justice in the world at large. Uniting ourselves to the “voiceless” in our world who suffer injustices and oppression. R/

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
as we begin our school year,
we ask that you bless us all and this day of new beginnings.
Smile upon the staff and student body,
and surround us, Lord,
with the soft mantle of your love.
May we all imitate the selflessness of St. Rose of Lima.
Help us and teach us to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity,
so that we may form and develop faithful missionary disciples
that will follow your call to serve others.
May we always remember to be grateful for our blessings and be generous of heart, time, and sacrificial giving, so that we may continue to encourage and support all those working to spread the Gospel by doing missionary work all around the world.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ... Amen
Missionary Prayer Service
For the start of the School Year

Grades: 6th - 8th

Prepare a prayer space in your classroom with a bible, a crucifix or a candle. If possible, bring fresh flowers to the classroom or a potted plant to keep visible in the classroom throughout the school year and place it by a previously prepared prayer space.

After the reading, petitions and prayer, provide students with a moment of reflection and ask that they complete the following statement on a piece of paper. (You may want to write this on the board for students to copy and complete)

“Lord, grant that I may be the salt and light of the world by __________________.”

Students can then be invited to complete the phrase with “being kind to others” or “helping feed the hungry” or “helping my parents by doing my chores” or “spending in prayer with you more often” etc.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16
(two minutes of silence for reflection)

Leader:
(Read the following or something similar to this)
This month we look toward the examples of St. Rose of Lima, who cared for the ill and did works of charity among the poor. We are gathered here today to say a prayer asking God to allow us to follow her example of caring for the poor so that our light can shine before others. As we start this new school year, we ask that God bless us and guide us allowing His love to fill our hearts, allowing His Holy Spirit to be among us, transforming and renewing us to be salt and light to the world, bearing witness of our faith to all we encounter. As St. Rose of Lima did through her works of charity among the poor, may we bear witness to the love that God has for the poor and vulnerable.

Petitions:
R./ May we be the light of Christ for all our sisters and brothers

- God, our heavenly Father, give us missionary hearts so that we may identify and be humble, caring and loving with those who are poor and needy. R/

- God, our heavenly Father, may we always proclaim and share your Gospel to extend the kingdom of God to build up the Body of Christ here on Earth. R/

- God, our heavenly Father, give us the will to model St. Rose of Lima to bring your presence to others fulfilling the call you make to us, to live out our vocation of being your disciples. R/

- God, our heavenly Father, may we be able to regard all others as our brothers and sisters, extending a helping hand to the members of our Christian family in our neighborhoods and across the world. R/

- God, our heavenly Father, may we use the strength that comes from deepening our faith to promote justice in the world at large. Uniting ourselves to the “voiceless” in our world who suffer injustices and oppression . R/

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
as we begin our school year,
we ask that you bless us all and this day of new beginnings.
Smile upon the staff and student body, and surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love.
May we all imitate the selflessness of St. Rose of Lima.
Help us and teach us to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity, so that we may form and develop faithful missionary disciples that will follow your call to serve others.
May we always remember to be grateful for our blessings and be generous of heart, time, and sacrificial giving, so that we may continue to encourage and support all those working to spread the Gospel by doing missionary work all around the world.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ... Amen