Morning Prayers



At Holy Trinity Academy, the staff and students begin their day in prayer. At the beginning of Lesson 1, classes will say together (or be led by the teacher or selected students) one of the HTA Morning Prayers. These prayers can also be found in the Student Planner.

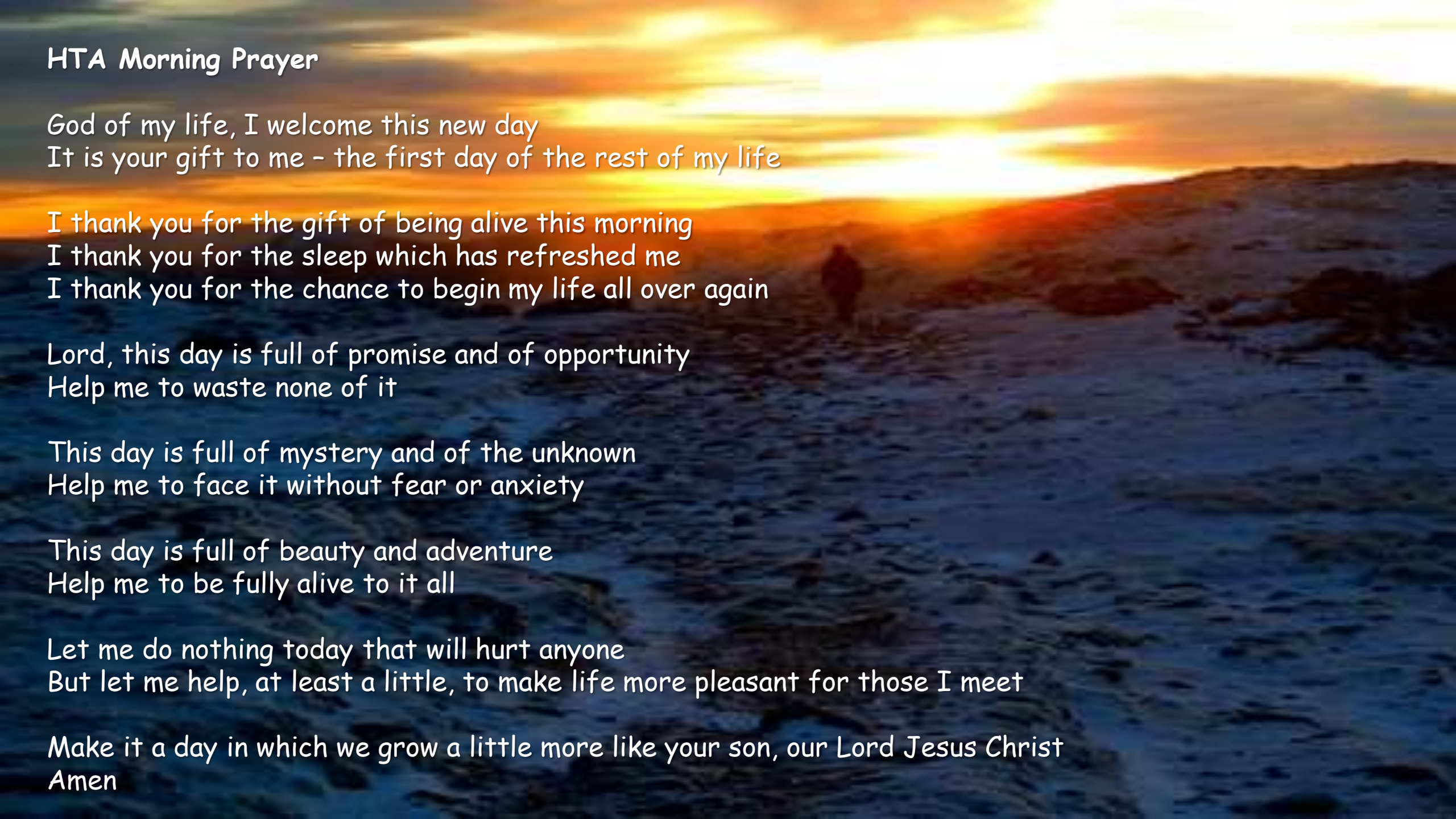
It is important that, as a Christian School community we do this because …

1) It reminds us of our Christian identity and purpose. Every new day is a gift from God and it is good to meet with Him in prayer to remind ourselves that He is with us on our journey … that our purpose for each day is to grow in the likeness of Christ.

2) When we pause and make time for God, then we tend to be more productive throughout the rest of the day. Life is hectic enough, 'chasing our tails', running from one job to another. If we make time for God and to reflect on our day ahead, then it can help us remain focused, keep things in perspective and have a more productive day.

3) It places us in communion with God and tunes us into His voice. '*Be still and know that I am God.*' [Psalm 46: 10]. It gives us time to listen to Him.

4) It can reduce our anxieties. Meeting with God in prayer and placing our trust in Him means that we know He is by our side throughout the day … there is nothing to fear for he strengthens our resolve.



HTA Morning Prayer

God of my life, I welcome this new day
It is your gift to me – the first day of the rest of my life

I thank you for the gift of being alive this morning
I thank you for the sleep which has refreshed me
I thank you for the chance to begin my life all over again

Lord, this day is full of promise and of opportunity
Help me to waste none of it

This day is full of mystery and of the unknown
Help me to face it without fear or anxiety

This day is full of beauty and adventure
Help me to be fully alive to it all

Let me do nothing today that will hurt anyone
But let me help, at least a little, to make life more pleasant for those I meet

Make it a day in which we grow a little more like your son, our Lord Jesus Christ
Amen

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God our Loving Father,
pour out on us afresh the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Open our ears to hear your Word,
open our eyes to see your presence,
open our minds to understand your Wisdom and
open our hearts to be more available for your mission
so that strengthened by your grace
we can truly be a sign and instrument
of your presence in our world today.



We ask that through these gifts you have given to us all,
that we continue to do your work:
in the way we treat each other – and the commitment we show to our school work.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant,
As he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us.
So, his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,
We might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord To prepare his ways before him,
To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
Who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death,
And guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.