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During this time of pandemic perhaps classes could do it at the same time and some one or a small group might pray it through intercom and classes can follow.

Suggestion of Hymn(s) from GIL programme that can be chosen include the following;

Jun/Sen Infants: Remember Them

3rd class: There Are Many Rooms

4th class: The Cloud's Veil

6th Class: Songs of the Angels

Teacher/ child or principal: We begin our prayer.... in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Children's Remembrance Service November 2020

Light a Candle at the beginning and have the Bible, Our Sacred Text, and names on paper leaves can be placed them in the Sacred Space in the classroom.

Speaker:

In the month of November, when the leaves fall, we remember those who have died and we pray for them that God holds them safe forever in his hands.



Speaker:

And so we pray:

God our true and tender Father,
the month of November can be a sad time.
We remember people who died.
Sometimes these are people we miss a lot.
We know you love us.
We know you love them
and your love never ends.
Take care of them and take care of us when we miss them.
Thank you for the love and kindness they showed us.
Keep them safe in your house,
until your love brings us together there.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Choose one of the following readings

SCRIPTURE MOMENT: Read by one

From Saint Paul's first letter to his friends in Thessalonika

(cf 1 Thess 4: 13-18)

Brothers and sisters,
we want you to know the truth about
people that have died,
so that you will not be very sad,
like those people that think there is no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again.
We believe it will be the same for those that have died:
belonging to Jesus, God brings them to Himself.
On the last day,
we will raised up and gathered all together,



to stay with the Lord forever.
So every time we think about this,
we can comfort each other.

OR:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

(cf John 14: 1-3)

Jesus said to his friends:

“Do not let your hearts be worried or afraid.
Keep trust in God and keep trust in me.
There are lots of rooms in my Father’s House.
I wouldn’t tell you this if it were not true.
I am going there to prepare a place for you.
And after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I will come back and take you with me,
so that you will always be with me.”

Intercessions:

Speaker: Lord you never forget us.

Your love never leaves us.

So with trust in our hearts we pray to you:

(Maybe a couple of children can read via intercom or in the class setting)

1: Dear Lord, we pray for those who have died.
We know they are with you and you are very near to us.
Help us when we miss them.
Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

2: Dear Lord, sometimes our hearts hurt
when we miss someone we loved very much.
Give all those who miss people they love

the help of your light, peace and hope.
Lord hear us.

3: Dear Lord, thank you for all the beautiful memories we have of those we knew and loved who have now gone to you.
May the goodness we shared keep our lives in the right direction.
Lord hear us.

4: Dear Lord, you cried at the grave of your friend Lazarus.
help all people who are crying today
Lord hear us.

5: Dear Lord, we pray for those who die all over the world from hunger, war and disease.
Give them a seat close to you at your heavenly table.
Lord hear us.

6: Dear Lord, we pray for those who are very sick from the Coronavirus and for all those caring for them and keeping us safe. Lord hear us.

Conclusion: Our forever home is in God the Father's House.
Let's lift up all these prayers and the quiet prayers of our hearts as we pray: **Our Father...**

An act of remembering: Principal calls all to remember for a moment or two having decided beforehand how this might be one

Maybe over intercom read a few names, collecting them from classes, or each class in their own class call out some names or just spend a moment in silence

Teacher/child or principal:

Concluding Prayer:

Lord our God, when we remember,
we know you are the One who never forgets us.
As we remember our loved ones who have gone to you,
we remember with hope the future you are making ready for
us in your very own home.
We look forward to that day
when you will wipe all tears from our eyes
and gift us to one another again.
We praise you and bless you God our Father through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

