

Learned and Wise

Learned, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Pray it

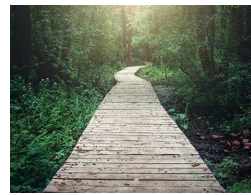


Linking Learned and Wise to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season.

Prayer suggestions and activities: -

- In November, we pray to remember. As we mark All saints and All Souls' Day, give thanks for those who have shown us faith, courage, and love. As God to help us learn from their lives and grow in wisdom.
- Research the O Antiphons especially O Sapientia (O Wisdom) - We ask Jesus to help us be wise and thoughtful in how we use our learning.
- We pray for light in the darkness. Reflecting upon the changing seasons of our world and of the Church. We remember as each candle on the Advent wreath is lit we grow closer in learning more about bringing hope, truth, and warmth to others.
- We remember to pray for peace and joy. As Christmas draws near, we ask that what we have learned this term helps us to share God's love as we bring light and kindness to the people around us.
- Pray the examen with students. You could reflect on:
 - What have I learned today—from my lessons, from others, or from what happened around me?
 - Have my words and actions helped others, brought light, or shown understanding?
 - How can I use what I've learned tomorrow to do good, to love better, and to bring God's light to others?

Explore it



Linking Learned and Wise to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Pope Leo XIV and the Saints.

Scripture to Explore: -

Here are some scripture passages for you to explore which reflect the virtues of being Learned and Wise.

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes (Blessed are the poor in spirit)

Consider how to be learned is to understand what the Kingdom values' to be wise is to live those values every day.

John 2:13-22 'He was speaking about the temple of his body

Consider how learning seeks truth; wisdom sees God in unexpected places.

Matthew 24:37-44 'Stay awake, so that you may be ready'

Consider how learned minds stay attentive; wise hearts are ready to respond.

Questions:

- How accessible is education across the world?
- What does a well educated person look like?
- How can we use our newly learned knowledge to make a difference to the lives of others.
- How can schools encourage the growth of wisdom?
- Saints are known for being 'Learned and Wise'. The stories of your School, House or Class saint could help all understand what they can do to spread the word of God.

Live it



Linking Learned and Wise to the way we can choose to live our lives to serve God and to serve others.

Activities and challenges: -

- One of the most important ways we become learned and wise is by watching the actions and listening to the teaching of Jesus Christ. The saints aspired to be like Jesus in their words and actions. How can your words and actions demonstrate the examples they have set?
- Set yourself a challenge everyday during this season of advent (Walk with me Calendar)
- Take part in your school and churches charity campaigns and teach others the importance of living out the true mission of Catholic Social Teaching.
- Listen carefully to others and learn from them. Show wisdom by really hearing people's ideas and feelings. By doing this you might discover something new about God's love in what they say.
- Use what you learn to bring light and hope. Notice someone who is left out. Go and offer a kind word, a helping hand or encourage them.
- Look for God in all things. Try to notice God's presence in your learning, your friendships, and the beauty of the world. Let that awareness guide your choices each day.

Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels reflective of Learned and Wise highlighted



Sunday 2nd November	Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are Poor in Spirit
Sunday 9th November	John 2:13-22 He was speaking about the temple of his body
Sunday 16th November	Luke 21:5-19 By your endurance you will gain your lives
Sunday 23rd November	Luke 23:35-43 Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom
Sunday 30th November	Matthew 24:37-44 Stay awake so that you may be ready
Sunday 7th December	Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Sunday 14th December	Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?

Sing it



Linking Learned and Wise to traditional and contemporary music.

- [Shine Jesus Shine—Graham Kendrick](#)
- [Lord, I lift your name on High](#)
- [Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord](#)
- [Christ Be our Light—Bernadete Farrell](#)
- [Be Still for the Presence of the Lord - David J Evans](#)
- [This little light of mine](#)

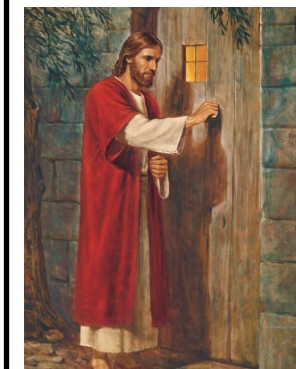


Further explore Learned and Wise by reading The Jesuit Publication found;

[Jesuit Pupil Profile - Learned & Wise \(jesuitinstitute.org\)](https://jesuitinstitute.org)

Picture It

Linking Learned and Wise to artwork.



Christ Knocking at the Door— Del Parson

An interpretation of William Holman Hunt's painting. Jesus stands outside a door knocking. A faint glow of light shines through the window suggesting that someone is inside. Notice there is no handle and that only the person inside can let Jesus in.

- 1) Where do you see light in this picture and what might that light represent?
- 2) Why do you think there is no handle outside of the door?
- 3) How might being learned and wise help us to open the door?
- 4) What might this picture teach us about the difference between learning something and understanding it deeply?
- 5) What might happen if the person inside opens the door?