

# RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

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Every Public and High School shall be opened and closed with the reading of the Scriptures and the Lord's Prayer, or the prayer authorized by the Department of Education.

The Scriptures shall be read daily and systematically ; the portions used may be taken from the book of selections adopted by the Department for that purpose, or from the Bible, as the Trustees, by resolution, may direct. Trustees may also order the reading of the Bible, or the authorized Scripture Selections, by both pupils and teachers at the opening and closing of the school, and the repeating of the Ten Commandments at least once a week. The Teacher may require the pupils to commit to memory appropriate verses from the Scripture lessons.

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## FORMS OF PRAYER.

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### OPENING.

Let us Pray.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

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### CLOSING.

Let us Pray.

Most Merciful God, we yield Thee our humble and hearty thanks for Thy fatherly care and preservation of us this day, and for the progress which Thou has enabled us to make in useful learning ; we pray Thee to imprint upon our minds whatever good instructions we have received and to bless them to the advancement of our temporal and eternal welfare ; and pardon, we implore Thee, all that Thou hast seen amiss in our thoughts, words and actions. May Thy good Providence still guide and keep us during the approaching interval of rest and relaxation, so that we may be prepared to enter on the duties of the morrow with renewed vigor, both of body and mind ; and preserve us, we beseech Thee, now and forever, both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all dangers and perils of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us evermore. *Amen.*