

This Prayer Service may be adapted to your particular school or parish needs.

INTRODUCTION – LEADER

Today we gather to celebrate in thanksgiving for all Catholic Schools. We remember Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit will be with us in all that we do and pray that He guide us in our *call to Missionary Discipleship*. Through the sacrifices of MCA members, children in Missions around the world receive a Catholic education and learn about the *Good News* of Jesus. MCA members support 1,200 Catholic schools, over 10,000 orphanages and catechetical programs in 1,108 Mission Dioceses.



This first grade class in Malawi meets outside under a tree every day because the school does not have enough classrooms. Donations from Missionary Children in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are helping provide more class room buildings in Malawi.

OPENING SONG – ALL

Choose an appropriate song such as,
We are called – David Haas.

LEADER:

We give thanks to you Lord for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople who have dedicated their lives to teach in our Catholic schools, allowing us **LEARN** each and every day about your love for us and Your people.

ALL: May all children have the opportunity to further their Catholic education, so that they can come to know Your son, Jesus.

LEADER:

Fill our hands with the tools we need to **SERVE** others.

ALL: May we show children around the world Your unceasing love through our actions.

LEADER:

Father help us to **LEAD** the way to Your love through our Missionary Discipleship.

ALL: May we inspire others to support the Missions through prayer and sacrifice.

LEADER:

Let us now ask for your grace, that we may **SUCCEED** as we go forth as MCA members, as Ambassadors for Jesus – as Missionaries.

ALL: AMEN!