



A LIKEABLE 2024 JUST1 PROJECT FOR SCHOOLS -
TO SHOW & CELEBRATE SOCIAL DIVERSITY THROUGH A COMMON
PRAYER IN THE LANGUAGES FOUND AMONG PUPILS & FAMILIES

WHOARTFUL GALLERIES



It's a simple idea – perhaps one that many UK schools may have done in some form already.

A WhoArtful Gallery is your school's collection of The Lord's Prayer in different languages

found among your pupils, families, friends, and parishioners. Schools will have good ideas on how to put theirs to use – eg displayed on paper or screen; illustrated; read out in assembly or class.

It's a celebration of diversity today – and synodality. *"In a Church that is living synodally, different cultures, languages, rites, ways of thinking, and realities can engage together and fruitfully in a sincere search for the Spirit's guidance",* said the Synodal Church in Mission Synthesis Report from Rome in October 2023.

Your Gallery will be an echo of the Church of the Paternoster on the Mount of Olives with its hundreds of language versions on ceramic plaques. Yours will be on paper, maybe laminated for display – and personal to your school.

Interested? Some simple actions during 2024 you might like to consider and work on.

Maybe by Pentecost Sunday 19 May...

- Gather up versions of the Lord's Prayer from pupils and families etc here or elsewhere.
- Let your local parish know what you're doing, and invite them to help – and maybe use your gallery languages on Pentecost Sunday!
- Collate your language versions into some form of simple document (eg a PDF file) for your website and as a lasting record.
- Enjoy finding uses for what you've created.

And maybe see if you can also collect...

- A range of language versions for Peace Be With You, Thanks, How Can I Help?

Early on, tell other schools what you're doing

- Any you have links with (eg in your academy trust) , or other Christian schools
- Share and compare what you've found

For Catholic schools, brief your bishop on your example of synodality in action

There's a reason. In October, the Church Synod re-gathers in Rome. It would be good for all there to know of schools applying the spirit of synodality – and ecumenism. Ask your bishop to pass on the news of your contribution to the delegates from the UK. And maybe write His Holiness Pope Francis - at 00120 Vatican City!

WhoArtful Galleries are an idea by Hugh Gibbons of Just1. The origin is a Paternoster Gallery of 20+ languages he made for schools & churches. If you'd like to see details. They include...

TEXTING GOD...

Something for Years 4-12 to try their hand at?

Winners of a competition for The Lord's Prayer in fewer than 160 characters included...

God@heaven.org,

You rule, up and down. We need grub and a break. Will pass it on. Keep us focused. You totally rule, long term. Amen. *Rev Stephen Moore, Belleview WA USA*

r pa in evan,

respect 2 u, may u rain ear as in evan. giv us r needs, 4givrsin as we 4giv r nmes. resq us from the evil 1. 4 ur always the most xlent dude. Yo.

Steve Seymour, Bristol

This Briefing document and other info are at:
www.just1.org.uk/whoartful

With best wishes – and thanks and well done.

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