

Harvest Fast Day 2011

Join the CAFOD Dream Team

This year, Fast Day collection envelopes include a space for pupils to write or draw their dreams for a more fair and just world.

This short liturgy can be used during a school Mass or assembly to present the envelopes.

The liturgy forms the Prayer of the Faithful, with pupils presenting the envelopes during the Preparation of the Gifts.

Consider displaying photographs of the five children mentioned in the prayers.

The prayers could be further visualised by showing the flags of the different countries.

Symbols to represent their dreams could also form part of the Preparation of the Gifts (a model aeroplane, a careers booklet or advert, a nurse's uniform, a stethoscope, a camera.)

(Download our Dream Team assembly for more reflections, prayers and a drama sketch for pupils at cafod.org.uk/fastday)

Prayer of the Faithful

- Leader** As the family of God, we gather in prayer, sharing our hopes and dreams.
- Reader 1** Holy God, you call us to hope and dream for a fairer world.
We pray for Kelvin in Tanzania who dreams of being a pilot.
Help him to be able to go to school and find the support he needs.
We pray together: **Lord, hear our dreams!**
- Reader 2** Holy God, you call us to hope and dream for a fairer world.
We pray for Pan from Cambodia who dreams of a happy future.
Help him to cope with losing his parents, and help him grow up with the fair chance to do great things.
We pray together: **Lord, hear our dreams!**
- Reader 3** Holy God, you call us to hope and dream for a fairer world.
We pray for Kabery from Bangladesh who dreams of being a nurse.
Help her family to use their new skills to find work,
despite the challenges of natural disaster so that Kabery will be able to go to school.
We pray together: **Lord, hear our dreams!**

Reader 4 Holy God, you call us to hope and dream for a fairer world.
We pray for Dalmar from Colombia who dreams of being a doctor.
Help his family to overcome the threat of violence in their country,
so that they can allow Dalmar to receive an education.
We pray together: **Lord, hear our dreams!**

Reader 5 Holy God, you call us to hope and dream for a fairer world.
We pray for Kelenia from Rwanda who dreams of being a
photographer.
Help her family to build peace in their community, so that Kelenia
may be able to use her talents without fear or worry.
We pray together: **Lord, hear our dreams!**

Leader God of all, we are all able to dream and hope for a better world. Hear
our own dreams, now, as we take a moment of quiet reflection.

Pause for silent prayer

Hear our dreams, Lord, for a more fair and just world!
We ask you to be near to all those who face worries and struggles.
As we celebrate Fast Day, bless our work for CAFOD,
and help us see how your goodness can bring these dreams to life.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts

The dream envelopes can be presented as part of the Offertory, before the gifts of bread and wine. Some suggestions:

- Representatives bring forward the envelopes from each class.
- Each pupil comes forward, line-by-line, and places their envelope before the altar (forming a Cross or globe). This could be time consuming, but helps to show the collective effort of Fast Day and can be done prayerfully with the help of music.
- Reflective music is played as pupils read some of the dreams from the card.
- As suggested, above, flags and symbols representing the children from the prayers could be presented too.
- The envelopes could be presented as part of a dance or movement.
- If all money for CAFOD has been collected and counted, consider presenting a cheque for the total raised.