Senior Camp Liturgy 2013: Dream it, believe it, achieve it

**Welcome & Lighting a candle**

As we begin our prayer, we light a candle to symbolise God’s presence among us. As we take this camp to dream big, believe in possibilities and work to achieve great things, we acknowledge the role that God plays in helping us. We remember that “with God all things are possible” (Matt 19:26) and that we “can do all things through God who strengthens us” (Phil 4:13). With eyes of faith to see our dreams, and open ears to hear where God is leading us, we begin this prayer.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God, each day as we step further into our future,

give us the courage, knowledge and patience that we need.

Remind us that you always journey with us

and that you will never lead us into anything that you won't lead us through.

Thank you for the gift of our lives. May the way that we live be our gift back to You

In Jesus' name

Amen

As we dream big this camp, let us listen to God’s word in the scriptures and realise that God has big plans for our lives and wants the best for us.

**Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13**

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Let us sit for a moment in silence, reflecting on what God might be saying to us in this moment.

As we close this prayer. I ask all the staff members to raise their arms towards the students for the blessing. This is a traditional way of blessing people.

May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

We close this prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.