

Prayers

Use names of children or places you know to put flesh on this skeleton. Make the bones live!

A focus can be helpful

— a lighted candle, a cross, a school leaflet or a photo.

Pause.

Picture the school, your child's classroom or teacher.

Mentally 'walk round' the school.

Try to join with someone else to pray regularly.

*Almighty God, Creator and Carer for all
Be present now at School
Bless the Head, Deputies, Teachers and Assistants,
Mid-day staff, Cooks, Cleaners and Caretaker.
The Governors and our Local Education Authority.
May your word and truth and justice be upheld.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Risen Saviour of the World.
Bring your peace now to all the children.
Those who are bright or have difficulty learning.
Those who are healthy or unwell.
Those who are happy or distressed and afraid.
May your love, mercy and grace save them.*

*Holy Spirit, Living Presence of Jesus,
Bring your power now to Christian teachers,
staff, parents and governors.
May they be bold to own Jesus as Lord.
May they be lights shining in the life of the school.
May they show children Jesus,
through attitude, word and deed.
May your servants be strengthened and encouraged.*

Praying for a School?

When someone asks you to pray for a school, what do they mean?

Have you promised to pray for a school, and don't really know what to do ... or have you just forgotten?

Here are some practical ways to help you in this vital task, because your prayers do make a difference, so please, Please, PLEASE ...

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Why bother?

Because it works! Not like a magic charm but true intercessory prayer is a cry from the heart on behalf of someone else and God honours that prayer.

In the case of schools, the 'someone else' is children or young people.

They are our future, our hope and our treasure and beloved by God. Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them and told his disciples to let the children come to him.

What shall I do?

Use reminders throughout the day to pray 'arrow' prayers.

Road Watch



Use the school bus queue or any school you may be passing to remind you to watch and pray! See the school signs as you travel about and say

Lord, bless this school. Help teachers there today.

Stop Watch



When the lollipop lady leaps out — Rejoice! Crossing patrols are an opportunity not a nuisance.

Lord, bless these children and their school.

Keep them safe in travelling.

Clock Watch



Be aware of school times. Primary and Secondary School times differ but generally speaking 9 am and 12 noon, 1 pm and 3 pm are transition times within the school day.

Assemblies — often start or end the day.

Lord, may Your praise be learned and loved.

Lunch time — when friendships are developed or destroyed.

Lord, be near to hurting children.

Home time — a transition to parent, carer or an empty house.

Lord, watch over and keep the lonely children safe.

My School — Children

Adopt a school, pray for it and make it yours.

It may be your children's, grandchildren's or neighbours' children's school or simply near your home.

You may pass it on the way to work.

Pray for all the children in the school.

Individuals matter

Jesus called Zaccheus. God spoke to Moses by name.

Remember *all* the school staff.

Pray for them by name.

Teachers

Stress and pressure are increasing for all in schools. Legal requirements demand more than just being with the children. Planning and reporting; marking and tutoring; phoning and liaising; counselling and consoling; training and travelling.

Ask God to give teachers strength to cope, to care and to be creative, and to see teaching as a calling and not just a job.

The Head

This is a key role in decision making and management.

Pray for wisdom and discernment, health and strength, authority and respect.

Governors

It is hard to find those who will give freely of their time to learn and carry out this accountable role.

Pray for right attitude, conscientious support and sensitive involvement.

Parents

The PRIME educators.

Children learn by living with them.

Attitudes are caught.

Pray for peace in the home.