

## **Commissioning Prayer - Education Sunday 2024**

On this Education Sunday we remember our schools, colleges and universities and the important role they play in our communities.

We are gathered together to rejoice in the gift of learning and to ask God for his blessing on those who study and those who help them learn.

You may wish to ask members of the congregation to stand as their role in education is named.

Let us pray.

Dear Lord God, we thank you for the gift of learning, and that as humans we can increase our knowledge, deepen our understanding and sharpen our skills and abilities. Help us to be mindful that learning is a gift from you to be cherished, to be used for the betterment of ourselves and others and to the glory of your name and the furtherance of your kingdom, according to your will.

Here in our community, we have teachers, learners and places of learning (name them individually here if you wish). We thank you for them all, and for the contribution they make to making our community what it is. Bless them and strengthen them.

We pray for our places of learning, schools, nurseries, colleges and universities (omit as appropriate), that they are safe and supportive places which open up a world of possibilities to all.

We pray for those who contribute to our places of learning, teachers, lecturers, teaching assistants, support staff, chaplains, volunteers, leaders and governors. May they each know what valuable contribution they bring in helping their learners flourish and grow. We thank you Lord for their talents.

We pray for those who learn, whether that comes easily to them or is difficult, that they see the opportunities before them and grow in confidence and wisdom and flourish. We thank you Lord for their curiosity and creativity.

We ask all these things in your name. Amen.