

Prayers for Education Sunday 2024

Please use these prayers in your services for Education Sunday, or to guide your prayers during the week. They can also be used as a stimulus for writing your own prayers.

Father God in Heaven,

Thank you for your constant guidance and protection over us.

We see how around us not everything is perfect or beneficial for us to do.

We know things try and grab our attention and focus away from who you are and your majesty. Father, we ask that you help us be led not into temptation, but that you would help us to make better choices and to find true joy and peace in your presence.

We ask you to help us, and guide us, and we thank you for your everlasting love towards us. Amen.

Dear God,

Thank you for every effort made by schools, churches and others in the community to meet the needs of children affected by poverty: running breakfast and after-school clubs, helping with uniforms and other initiatives.

We pray for more financial resources to help school leaders cover essential costs and employ more staff members.

Amen.

Loving God, we pray for all teachers who feel under pressure: from mental health issues, heavy workloads, lack of resources, upcoming Ofsted inspections, poor classroom behaviour, and extra administrative tasks.

Please strengthen and encourage them and bring supportive colleagues around them. Amen.

Lord, please help school leaders to make sensible rules about the use of mobile phones so that children are not distracted by them in lesson times.

We also intercede for young people who are caught up in harmful social media messaging that leads to bullying, using inappropriate pictures and other distressing situations. Guide them to individuals and organisations who can help them.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, we remember the 120,000 youngsters who were classed as 'Children Missing Education' in the last year, many feeling unable to come to school because of mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders and problems at home. Please bring to them the support they need to overcome this and catch up on lost time. Amen.



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