



A prayer for Education Sunday 2026

The leader may invite those in the congregation who identify with any of the groups mentioned in the prayer to stand in the appropriate section, so that the congregation is able to pray directly for them.

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God,

we thank you for the gift of learning, for the wisdom that comes through study, experience and faith, and for your word that continues to shape us into the people you call us to be. As Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome to live well together, teach us to grow in humility, understanding and love.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: We give you thanks for teachers in our nurseries, schools, colleges and universities. For their dedication, patience, knowledge and care; for the encouragement they offer and the ways they help others to grow. Bless them in their work, renew them when they are weary, and help them to nurture not only learning but wisdom and character.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: We thank you for support staff: teaching assistants, administrators, librarians, technicians, office teams, chaplains, counsellors, site staff, caterers, cleaners and all who serve educational communities in countless ways. May they know that their work is valued, and may they be strengthened in all they do.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: We pray for pupils and students of every age. Give them curiosity and perseverance in learning, courage in times of uncertainty, and confidence to ask questions and grow. Help them to discover their gifts and to use them wisely for the good of others.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: We thank you for parents and carers who support, encourage and guide young people. In the joys and challenges of family life, grant them wisdom, patience and hope. Help them to know they are not alone, but upheld by your love and care.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: We give thanks for the communities that support schools: governors and trustees, churches and faith communities, local organisations, volunteers, employers, neighbours and friends. Strengthen the partnerships that help young people flourish, and unite us in a shared commitment to seek the good of every child and every learner.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: We remember all who face challenges in education: those struggling with learning, those feeling excluded or overlooked, those experiencing anxiety, poverty or hardship, and those making difficult decisions about their future. Surround them with your compassion and guide them with your light.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: God of wisdom, as William Tyndale longed for people to encounter your word and be transformed by it, help us not simply to seek knowledge, but to become people of faith, hope and love. Through your Spirit, shape our lives so that we may bear witness to Christ in all we do.

Response: Lord, help us to live well together.

Leader: God of love and learning:

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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