



*Everyday
Prayers*



The Deanery
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Faith Hope Love Wisdom Courage Integrity
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New Beginnings

Lord God,
As we embark upon this new chapter,
we pray that you would go ahead of us.
Prepare the way we will go,
Guide the steps we will take,
and help us to make wise choices
that benefit others, as well as ourselves.
Lead us with confident faith,
into the future that you have prepared for us,
so that we might make a difference to the world,
and experience life in all it's fullness,
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
Amen

Proverbs 3: 1-6

Self-Worth

Loving Lord,
Your word tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
You knit us together in the womb,
and loved us before our cells even existed.
Help *us* to remember that truth today.
Stop *us* from comparing *ourselves* to others,
Remind *us* of *our* worth,
And fill *our* hearts with the knowledge
that we are each your precious child,
loved beyond measure.
Thank you for that love,
Amen

Psalm 139: 13-16

World Events

Heavenly Father,
Our hearts ache as we watch the news.
Sometimes we feel helpless to know
how we can to respond to suffering and disaster.
Be with those who live in fear or are hurting;
give wisdom to those with power to change things;
and help us see the small parts we might play,
in bringing comfort to those who need it.
Help us to be generous and compassionate,
And to never tire of working to make the world a better
place.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Psalm 146: 5-10

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Introduction

Worship is collective in that it involves meeting, exploring, questioning, and responding to others and, for some, to God. In the Church school, the pupils, their families and other adults can expect to encounter worship that is inclusive of, and fully accessible to, all

Collective Worship in Church of England Schools

Prayer within a Church of England School aims to be:

- Inclusive
- Invitational
- Inspiring

Inclusive:

This means that, whilst the prayers and worship offered should have a distinctive Christian ethos, and be an integral part of the daily heartbeat of the school, they should be accessible to all.

The themes covered, the values promoted and the language used, should allow students of all faiths or none to connect and engage, if they choose to.

Invitational:

There is no expectation for members of the school community to have to “do” anything, but the invitation to engage in worship and encounter God is always there.

Illness

Heavenly Father,
who cared for to those who were sick or suffering,
through your Son, Jesus,
we pray for (X) and ask that you would be with them.
Take away any fear or worry they may be feeling,
reassure them and their loved ones that you are there,
and help them to recover to full health through your power.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Grief/Loss/Sadness

Lord,
Sometimes we don't know how to tell you
how we're feeling,
and the words we use don't feel like enough.
So today we simply bring you our sadness,
with all the pain, and tears,
the hurt and confusion,
the emptiness and the ache in our hearts.
Sit with us in this dark place,
until we begin to see some light,
to feel your warmth in our hearts,
and to feel hope begin to rise again.
Lord, graciously hear us
Amen

John 16: 19-22

Exams

Father God,
As we prepare to take our exams,
we pray for everyone facing assessment at this time.
We ask that you would give us confidence,
and a sense of your peace.
Take away any nerves we may have,
and help us remember that our true value isn't measured
by passing tests,
but by how much you love us.
We thank you that you promise to be with us
in all things.
Amen

1 Samuel 16: 4-7

Celebration

Lord Jesus,
Just as you celebrated times of joy with your disciples,
We celebrate together today over (*insert...*).
We thank you for your blessings
and the joy you bring to our lives.
Help us to keep this joy deep in our hearts,
whatever circumstances we are in,
and to always remember your goodness.
Amen

Philippians 4: 4-8

Suggested invitations:

- *I will now lead us in a prayer. If you would like to join in, you can follow along with the words on the screen....*
- *If you agree with what the prayer says and would like to make it your own prayer too, you can say **Amen**, which means "let it be so"...*
- *We will have a moment of silence, and if you would like to, you can use that time to think about something important to you on the theme of...*

Inspiring:

Inspiring worship is worship that allows a personal connection—to God, to each other and to our own deeper sense of spirituality and meaning.
In prayer, the moments of silence can be just as meaningful as the words, if not more so, so don't be afraid to use pauses to create space.

We all express ourselves in different ways and, on some occasions, using no words at all will be the best response. You may find poems, readings or songs also help prompt a personal response to a theme.

These prayers are simply here as a guide, should you need them...

Most of these prayers are written for use in Collective Worship, but occasionally we may find ourselves needing to offer support on a more individual basis. The last selection of prayers in this book are for more unplanned moments, and include a corresponding Bible reference to share, where appropriate.

Daily Prayer

The Deanery Prayer

Dear Lord,
Give us the courage to work hard, be kind and make a difference today.
Let us love one another as you love us.
Give us wisdom and integrity to do what's right,
bring your hope to our hearts,
and may your light guide us in the way of faith.
In Jesus' name
Amen

The Lords Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Common Themes

Worry/Anxiety

Heavenly Father,
You know all the things we carry in our hearts;
the worries, the anxieties and the hurts.
Please be with *us* now,
surround *us* with your love and comfort,
still *our* busy minds,
and fill *us* with your peaceful presence.
Overcome our fears
and help us remember that we are safe in your hands.
Amen.

Psalm 23: 1-4

Thankfulness

Dear Lord,
We thank you today for (*insert...*)
and for all that you do to show your love for us.
May we always know your joy deep in our hearts.
Help us to always remember your goodness,
and to be thankful in all things,
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Psalm 136: 1-9

Integrity

Lord,
You see deep into our hearts every day;
we're like open books to you;
I know I can't hide anything from you,
you made me who I am.
Even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking
and you know everything I'm going to say,
before I even start talking.
Help me to be truthful and honest in what I say today;
to be just and fair in what I do;
and to have the integrity to always be myself,
just the way you made me.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Adapted from Psalm 139

Academic Year

Prayer for the Start of the Academic Year

Heavenly Father,
As we begin this new school year,
we pray that you would be with each one of us.
Bless our minds to learn well;
bless our hearts to care for one another;
bless our hands to work for you;
and fill our corridors and classrooms with your holy spirit.
As we work hard, be kind and make a difference,
today and every day.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Prayer for a New School Term

Dear Lord,
We thank you for rest and refreshing,
and for the holiday we have just enjoyed.
Bless this new school term,
and each one of us,
as we continue to work together in our school,
to be the people that you created us to be.
Amen

Prayer for Advent

May Jesus, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
May Jesus, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
May Jesus, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
May Jesus, the light of the world,
shine through the darkness to illuminate our world,
this Advent time and always.
Amen

Adapted from faithandworship.com

Wisdom

Lord God,
Your word tells us that if we are in need of wisdom,
we only need to ask and you will guide us.
Help us to be wise today,
to make good decisions,
to listen to trustworthy advice,
and to have the confidence to act on what we hear,
so that we might follow your path for our lives.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Courage

Lord,
Sometimes it's hard to do the things we need to.
Sometimes we struggle to stand out from the crowd,
to take a risk,
or to face a deep fear.
Give us the courage and confidence we need today.
Help us to step out in faith
and put our trust in you for all that we need.
Amen.

Prayer for Christmas

Father God,
As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your son,
Jesus Christ,
we ask that each of us may hear that well-known story with
fresh ears.
Help us to experience the wonder of the Shepherds;
help us feel the joy and celebration of the angels;
help us search for you with the longing of the wise men;
and may the presence of Emmanuel—God with us,
fill each of our hearts with your peace this Christmas
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Hope

God of Hope,
We thank you that you are always with us,
and that we can always rely on you.
When we face doubts or disappointments,
help us to draw closer to you.
Keep our eyes looking forward,
with certainty and hope,
and help us trust in all your promises,
knowing that you are here with us.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

Love

Heavenly Father,
You loved the world so much,
that you gave us your only Son,
to save us from death.
Fill our hearts with your love today.
Help us to share that love with everyone we meet,
showing kindness and compassion,
and helping us to grow more like Jesus,
today and every day,
Amen

Prayer for Lent

Heavenly Father,
During this time of Lent,
we pray for wisdom, courage and strength.
Help us to turn away from the things that aren't right
for us.
Help us to be positive in our choices,
Faithful in our friendships,
And obedient to what you have told us is good.
Amen.

Prayer for Easter

Lord God,
We thank you for your son, Jesus.
and for the sacrifice he made.
As we celebrate Easter,
we remember his death on the cross,
and his rising to new life,
so that we too can have new life with you.
Help each one of us to remember
that we are loved and forgiven,
and may each of us know your peace,
this Easter time and always,
Amen.

Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension to Pentecost)

Lord Jesus,
As you went back to Heaven,
you told your Disciples to go into the world
and tell people the good news about you.
To show love;
to offer hope;
to promote justice;
and to help people come to know you more.
We ask for your gift of the Holy Spirit,
so that we might do the same.
Help us to be people of love, hope and justice,
in our school and community.
Amen.

End of The School Year

Dear Lord,
As we look back through this year,
and forward to the new one,
we give you thanks for the joys and blessings,
and we place into your hands the mistakes and disap-
pointments.
Keep us safe over the summer;
give us rest and refreshing;
and help us to know that you are with us,
wherever we go.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

School Values

General

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is hurt, forgiveness;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is fear, courage;
where there is uncertainty, wisdom;
Where there is dishonesty, integrity;
and may I live each day to serve you.
Amen.

Adapted from St Francis of Loyola

Peace

Heavenly Father,
We pray that you would fill this school with your peaceful
presence.
Take away our worries and anxieties,
and calm our busy minds.
Help us to forgive quickly;
to apologise sincerely;
and to show compassion to everyone,
so that we may experience your perfect peace.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.