

Prayers for Schools.



*"I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray
with joy because of your partnership in the
gospel." Phil:1:3,4*



We hope that you will find this prayer resource booklet helpful.

It is designed to give ideas and focus as you lead prayers at the beginning of the school day, at Governing body meetings and in other school situations. Please adapt and extend these as you see fit.



Northampton Church Schools Education Foundation prayer

We ask for God's blessing on our Foundation and its family of schools.

*Lord; grant us the will to work together,
the wisdom to listen to each other's views
and the insight to plan together,
in recognition of our role in supporting one another.*

*Help us to build a family of schools for Northampton
that supports the development of each individual child,
offers a stimulating working environment for staff
and provides a focus for the local community.*

*Let our schools become an example of
Christian witness in our world
and Christian roots in our communities.*

Amen

Candlemas

Almighty God,
Your truth is like light showing us the way to live our lives.
As members of the family of Church schools within this diocese, grant that we may follow Jesus in all we say and do. We ask this in His name, Amen.

The Grace.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
evermore Amen*

Prayers for difficult times

Almighty God,

Help us to understand what has happened.

Give strength to those who are still suffering—the homeless, the hungry, those who have lost loved ones, those who are still missing. We pray for the rescue services and we pray that you will enable them to be safe as they work.

Show your love to all who have been affected by this disaster, give them hope and show us any ways in which we can help.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.



We pray for our school community at this difficult time.

Help us to recover and rebuild our confidence.

Give strength to our teachers and governors as they meet the challenges ahead

May pupils and parents join then in preparing for a better future.

Make us proud in our school and in all the people who contribute to our learning.

In Jesus name we ask this
Amen



Heavenly Father,

At the present we can only feel the loss of

We want to be strong and we want to understand why he/ she is no longer here with us.

We pray that is safe in your heavenly kingdom.

Help us to remember what he / she meant to us and what he / she left behind—the laugh, the smile, the favourite comments, the things he /she struggled with.

Bring us happy memories through the tears.

Bring him / her the peace only you can give,

Lord of love and mercy, Amen.

Prayers for the start of the school day.



*Almighty God,
may our school be welcoming
May our school be encouraging
Let friendship flourish here
Let learning fill our day
Give us the strength to do our best
Give us the hope to carry on.
Be our guide in all that we do.
Lord make this school your home too*

Heavenly Father

Be with us in our learning

Be with us in our playing

Be with us in our laughter

Be with us in our tears

Be with us when we get things right and when we get thing wrong

Be with us as we travel to school and as we travel home

We know that you will always be here for us Lord at this school.

Amen

*Give us, today,
calmness within, that tension will go away;
peace with one another, that unity will be pursued;
openness to come to you, without fear or reproach.
Help us who have freely received of you to give freely
of ourselves.*

(Alan Dixon, Churches Millennium Group)



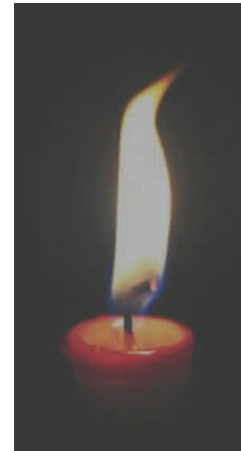
*Father God, today we need your help.
Be with us, Lord, to support, to guide and to care.
You are all-seeing and all knowing. In you we trust,
Amen.*

*Almighty God
We give thanks for our school
For us it is a special place.
Make it special for you Lord, and bring your peace,
Love, friendship to everything that we do here.
As we learn and as we play, may we always be in your safe
keeping
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.*



*As our school day begins, we meet to
dedicate ourselves to you.
May our hopes for today reflect our
hopes for us.
Help us to face the challenges and take
the opportunities that this day brings
And in a moment of silence, let us prepare ourselves for the
tasks ahead
Be with us Lord, in all that we say and do, and give us the
time for reflection on our learning.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Almighty God
May we bring reflection and wisdom to our meeting
Use our expertise and our judgement Lord
and direct our contributions.
Let us be listeners more than speakers.
And may we always have in mind your will
for the well being and the future of our school.
In the name of Jesus Christ Amen.*



*Guide us Lord, in all our doings with
your most gracious
favour,
And further us with your continual help;
That in all our works begun,
continued and ended in you,
We may glorify your name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Be with us, Lord as we learn from you to best serve the
youngsters and the staff in our school. Help us to work together
well, to listen and respect each others talents and skills. May we
be watchful and mindful of the responsibilities we hold as a
Governing body and yet joyful in the privilege of seeing all grow.
Keep us focused and distinctive in our Christian ethos and
outlook.
We thank you for our fellowship with all your people and
especially those within our school community.
We pray for those who cannot be with us this evening. We pray
that where they are, that they are safe.
We ask this in Jesus Name, Amen.*

Prayers for Governors meetings.

Father, we seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit in the business that is before us.

In planning for the future, give us vision;

in matters of finance, give us responsibility;

in dealing with people, give us love.

Help us, and all Christians whatever their settings and circumstances,

in all things to honour your name, to advance your kingdom, and to carry out your will.



Look upon us, O Lord, and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit.

Where there is weakness, give us strength;

where there is disagreement, give us tolerance;

where there is misunderstanding, give us patience;

where there is hurt, give us the courage to forgive and the grace to accept forgiveness.

Be present in your school here and in all places;

bless our work, and everything that is undertaken by our Christian sisters and brothers,

for the furtherance of your kingdom of unity and love, peace and justice.

We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Prayers for those in our care.

Gracious God, Your Son taught us to know you as Father.

May your Holy Spirit guide and support all who teach and learn here.

Enable us together to discover and share the wonders of your creation, show us how to inspire and to enthuse a love of Learning, and demonstrate in our very being an atmosphere of peace and harmony that helps us all to live out the good news we proclaim.

Amen.



Father God, we know that many we serve in this school know little of you or how much you desire to love and know them. In what we say and do today, may everyone learn more about

You, and how you would have us love and respect you and our neighbour.

Amen.



Useful Passages from scripture.

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph 3:18



"Because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God."

Gal 4:6,7.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened" Matt 7:7,8.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres"

1 Cor 13:4-7.



"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the Saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Phil :4-6.

Prayers for Staff meetings

Heavenly Father,
Be with us as we meet.
Guide us as we talk.
Stay with us as we plan.
Open our ears as we listen
Open our eyes to your vision
In Jesus' name Amen.



In our meeting Lord, help us to focus on what is important rather than just what is urgent.

May everything that we discuss have a bearing on the children in our charge.

Let us never forget that it is both a privilege and a responsibility to play a part in the education of the young.

Grant that we may always support each other in that process.
Amen