

Schools and Education

Prayers and worship resources on the themes of 'Schools and Education' – updated January 2014



A Prayer for all Christians Working in Education

Lord of all things We thank You for the women and men You have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts with Your love, joy and peace. Season their words with Your patience, kindness and goodness. Fill their minds with Your faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When they respond to a broken-hearted child Show them how to be big-hearted.

When they reach out to a rebellious teen Remind them to be obedient to You.

When they advise a lonely mature student Help them to be Christ Jesus to them.

When they meet with an angry parent Let them see a child of God.

When they give advice to a discouraged colleague Give them helpful and encouraging words.

When they speak to visitors and strangers Grant them the gift of hospitality. Amen.

Prayer from prayforschools.org

Education Sunday (16 February)

God of freedom and life, We praise you for the gifts of education, and for those who labour to teach others.

For school teachers and university lecturers, for those who work in toddler groups and nurseries, for parents and grandparents, for Sunday school teachers, and for those who radiate wisdom without realizing, we thank you. And we ask you that they might be encouraged in their work, and valued for the role they play.

Wherever children are brought up by those with a lust for terror, or by the impersonal face of the television or computer screen, we pray that you would bring true freedom.

Wherever market forces or nationalism or greed produce adults who have never grown up, we pray that you would bring true freedom.

Wherever people are programmed instead of taught, brainwashed instead of enlightened, manipulated instead of educated, we pray that you would bring freedom.

Teach us to recognize our own role in education, help us to encourage those who have committed their lives to this task, and make us all to heralds of the truth that sets people free.

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