

National Day of Prayer for Schools

Prayer Guide - Friday 27th September 2024

The **National Day of Prayer for Schools** is an annual event that aims to inspire thousands of Christians to pray for their local school, for pupils and teachers, and for the world of education.

The day is organised by a partnership of Christian schools work ministries uniting to pray for more of God's kingdom to come in our schools and for all who work and learn in them.

Prayer Guide - morning

6am	<p>Today is the National Day of Prayer for Schools. Here are some prayer prompts to take you through the day. As you pray you will be joining with thousands of others across the nation.</p> <p><i>Loving Father, we pray today for our schools and colleges, for all who work and learn in them.</i></p> <p><i>We pray that they will be places of learning inspired by creativity, knowledge and wisdom.</i></p> <p><i>We pray for our children and young people, that they will flourish in body, mind and spirit.</i></p> <p><i>We pray for all who work in schools, the teachers, support staff and site team, that they will be resourced well, be able to give of their best and know that they are appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>We pray for all who serve and support schools, especially those from local churches, that they will contribute with grace and so reveal Jesus through their deeds and words.</i></p> <p><i>We pray, your kingdom come, in our schools, as in heaven.</i></p> <p><i>Amen.</i></p>
7am	<p>Join with others from across the nation to pray together online. This 45 minute prayer meeting will be hosted on Zoom by Pray for Schools and other partners.</p> <p>To join, you'll need to register up to 15 minutes in advance by going to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'National day of Prayer for Schools'. Select the one listed as 'Fri 29 Sep at 07:00 BST'</p> <p>or if you're reading this prayer guide on your computer, click this link: Prayer for Schools Zoom</p>
8am	<p>It's nearly assembly time. We give thanks for all those who contribute to school collective worship, especially volunteers from local churches. Pray for a school near you as they start the day, and for anyone you know who helps with assemblies.</p>
9am	<p>Some pupils have additional needs due to a range of circumstances including neurodiversity, disability or health issues, family circumstances or behavioural difficulties. They may need short term help or longer term support in a different education setting.</p> <p>We pray for these pupils and for those who support them, whether as part of their regular time in school, or in specialist schools.</p>
10am	<p>About 800,000 pupils are young carers with responsibility at home for a family member. For them, time in school is just part of a long working day which includes running a home.</p> <p>We pray today for young carers, that they will get the support they need in school and at home, and opportunities to flourish as individuals developing friendships and interests.</p>
11am	<p>We pray for Chaplains in their unique role of bringing pastoral and spiritual support to all in a school community and of being a very visible representative of Christ and his church.</p>
Mid-day	<p>Around the world many people pray the Lord's Prayer at mid-day. Pause to think about a school you know, and pray Jesus' prayer slowly, applying each phrase to the school.</p>

#NDOPFS

Prayer Guide - afternoon

1pm	Join with others from across the nation to pray together online. This 45 minute prayer meeting will be hosted on Zoom by Pray for Schools and other partners. To join, you'll need to register up to 15 minutes in advance by going to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'National day of Prayer for Schools'. Select the one listed as 'Fri 29 Sep at 13:00 BST' or if you're reading this prayer guide on your computer, click this link: Prayer for Schools Zoom
1pm	Lunchtime prayers. We pray for Christian groups meeting at lunchtime and all those who help to lead them; that these groups will be places of encouragement for Christian pupils and a way for others to explore faith in an inspiring and welcoming way.
2pm	About 1 in 5 pupils have a diagnosable mental health condition, that's six in an average class. We pray for pupils who struggle with anxiety and with other aspects of their mental health, and for staff who are doing their best to support them in school. We pray peace and freedom from worry over this generation of children and young people and for more resources to support them.
3pm	As the school day ends for pupils we thank God for the staff who teach our children and for whom the working day continues. We give thanks for their passion and skill, and for their expertise in juggling the academic, pastoral, behavioural and administrative aspects of their role. Pray for a teacher you know.
4pm	Thank God for the work of FE colleges where tens of thousands of young people study for A levels, apprenticeships and vocational qualifications. Pray for organisations like Festive that support Christians in their faith and witness in colleges, and for the many chaplains who bring a Christian presence to college communities.
6pm	It's tea time, and for some families providing regular nutritious meals can be a financial, practical or emotional challenge. We pray now for families in poverty, and for the many ways that schools, local communities and churches support them. We give thanks for the work of food banks and for the many holiday hunger initiatives that help these families during the school breaks.
8pm	We pray for our education system, for justice in education that inspires pupils and lifts them out of disadvantage, for a balanced curriculum based on truth and God's values that promotes learning, life-skills and wholeness, and for adequate provision, especially at this time and with concerns about the standard of school buildings.
10pm	As we draw our day of prayer for schools to a close, give thanks for your own education and also for a particular person, whether teacher or school friend, who helped you.

More resources

Further inspiration for your prayers for schools and freely downloadable prayer resources are available here:

<https://paismovement.com/ndopfs/>

Thank you so much for joining us in praying for our nation's schools.

Emily Tucker — Youth For Christ
Gemma Milligan — Youthscape
Jane Newey — Pray for Schools
Lisa Jones — Scripture Union
Richard Jumbe — Pais Movement
Tim Abbott — Prayer Spaces in Schools



#NDOPFS