

Suggested Bible verses as you pray for our schools



In preparation (5 mins)

- ◇ Col 4:2 (NCV) "Continue praying, keeping alert, and always thanking God."
- ◇ Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT) "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Worship (10 mins)



- ◇ Col 3:1 (AMP) "Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."
- ◇ 1 Tim 3:16 (NCV) "Without doubt, the secret of our life of worship is great: He was shown to us in a human body, proved right in spirit and seen by angels. He was proclaimed to the nations, believed in by the world, and taken up in glory."
- ◇ Rom 8:39 (NIV) "...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

For the witness of the Church (10 mins)



- ◇ Eph 5:1-2 (NIV) "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."
- ◇ John 11:25-26 (NIV) "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"
- ◇ John 7:38 (NIRV) "Does anyone believe in me? Then, just as Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from inside them."

For our local schools (15 mins)



- ◇ Jude 1:1-2 (NIV) "...To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance."
- ◇ Heb 12:1-3 (NIV) "...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."
- ◇ Col 3:2 (ESV) "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

For NISCU (15 mins)



- ◇ Psalm 27:8 (NIV) "My heart says of you, 'Seek his face.' Your face, Lord, I will seek."
- ◇ 1 Sam 12:24 (GNT) "Obey the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. Remember the great things he has done for you."
- ◇ 2 Cor 12:9 (NIV) "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

Listen and close (5 mins)



- ◇ Heb 13:20-21 (NCV) "I pray that the God of peace will give you every good thing you need so you can do what he wants. God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, because of the blood of his death. His blood began the eternal agreement that God made with his people. I pray that God will do in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, and to him be glory forever and ever. Amen"

Schools needs during Coronavirus



Pupils:

- To feel safe and be able to talk about their concerns with the right people.
- For new Reception children starting in September, now being asked to sit in rows, not able to play with much of the equipment and kept away from other year groups.
- For those starting secondary school in September, not having had their usual taster sessions.
- That children and young people will thrive, catch up on missed work in September, settle back into new routines and behave in a way that encourages everyone in their group.

Teachers:

- For compassion and flexibility when children take time to adapt.
- For patience with the government as guidelines seem at odds with normal practice.
- For creativity and ingenuity to present fun, relevant, engaging lessons.
- For an awareness of God's presence and help when feeling anxious.

Headteachers:

- For God's strength to carry the burden of having to make so many decisions, write so many risk assessments and redirect reluctant staff to new roles.
- To be an encouraging role model to their staff and to notice those things that are praiseworthy.
- For humility to accept that we are all under authority and to rely upon God.
- For wisdom as budgets are stretched to accommodate things like more cleaning materials and furniture that allow for better spacing in classrooms.

Parents:

- For fears to be lifted and replaced with new hope.
- For wisdom to know when their child should be in school.
- For love and time in abundance for their precious children.

