

Newsletter

Autumn 2015



Dear praying friends,

I hope the term is going well and God has provided ways which you can serve and encourage your local school. I was at a UCB leaders' day yesterday and a man was telling me about Moorland Ministries a group set up to encourage Ministers working alone in the Staffordshire Moorlands. He likened them to Jewels and together they were more beautiful and effective, as they shone for Jesus. I saw the parallel with Pray for Schools. We have over 650 Jewels around the country and on PrayDay , November 17th, we can all come together and be something of great beauty as we pray for our schools and communities.

Zechariah Chapter 9 v16 says "The LORD their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like **jewels** in a crown"

This year we are encouraging Christians to take part in a Prayer Marathon Relay. We have produced some resources based on Hebrews 12 and Christians in Education (www.christiansineducation.co.uk) have written us some prayers <http://wp.me/P3Ezfr-fi>

Do let us know what you are planning for this PrayDay and together we can sparkle like jewels in a crown.

Education Sunday is moving from January and will be on **Sunday 11th September 2016**. This change will provide more resources and prayer ideas for the new academic year and sit alongside Back to School with God.

Our Pray for Schools fortnight will be from **8th - 22nd May 2016**. Our **resource pack** is still available to download from our website and can be used at any of your events. <http://wp.me/P3Ezfr-8i>

Thanks for all your encouragement

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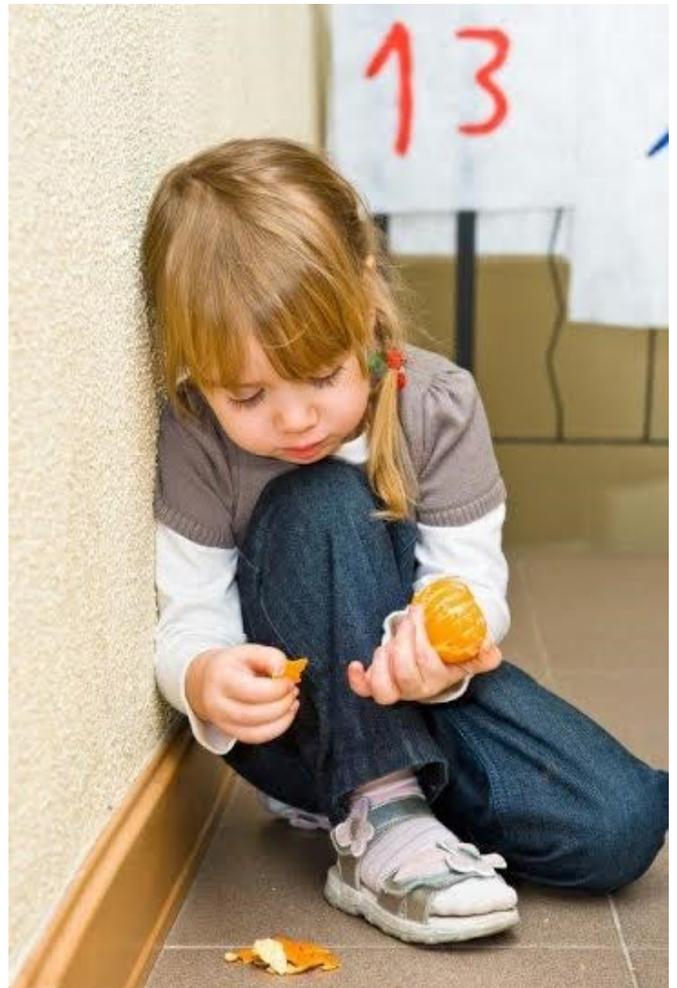
Christian
Initiatives in
Early
Years
Education

Ci2eye has written some daily prayers for young children.

www.ci2eye.com

Perhaps you could use these when you next meet to pray.

1. May they respond to Christ
2. Protect them, Lord
3. Make them strong & healthy
4. May they have emotional health
5. May they have physical health
6. May they have spiritual health
7. May they grow socially
8. Build in them an excitement for learning
9. May they build strong friendships
10. May they embrace the beauty of prayer
11. Let them enjoy hearing Bible stories
12. May they hide God's Word in their hearts
13. May they be willing to be curious in the classroom
14. Strengthen their relationships at home
15. Let them comprehend & understand academic concepts
16. Let joy & laughter surround them
17. May they enjoy pre-reading activities and become excited to learn to read
18. May they initiate learning activities
19. Give them favour with family and friends
20. Let them learn obedience
21. Let them learn kindness
22. May they enjoy drawing and colouring and artistic expressions
23. Let them understand the difference between right and wrong
24. May they be willing to make good choices
25. Make them aware of wonder
26. May they learn to give and receive forgiveness
27. May the fruit of the Spirit grow in their hearts
28. May the seeds of God's Word, planted in their hearts, grow strong
29. Make them aware of Your presence
30. Make them strong in character
31. Let them give and receive with generosity



'How precious are your thoughts about me, O God!' Psalms 139 v17



Praying about Ofsted

Ofsted inspections are stressful occasions as teaching, learning, management and every aspect of school life come under close scrutiny. Schools’ reputations and futures can be significantly influenced by the outcomes. The last couple of years have seen frequent changes both in the remit of Ofsted and also in the nature of inspections as education reforms are pushed through. The net result has been an almost total loss of confidence from the teaching profession which views the inspection regime as harmful and even, on occasion, hostile. Schools have become frightened of their own shadows. However, the most recent reforms have been cautiously welcomed as a step in the right direction.

So please pray for:

1. a willingness to continue in positive dialogue.
2. teachers, support staff, school leaders and governors as they undergo inspections to be able to demonstrate the strengths of their schools.
3. emphasis to be about genuine improvement, rather than pass or fail against a narrow set of criteria.
4. the inspection service to have wisdom and integrity and an understanding as communities where children and young people are nurtured, not just sent to pass exams .



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News from PFS Northern Ireland

At a recent CARE event in Belfast dozens of people responded to **NI Coordinator Heather Wallace’s** encouragement to cover Northern Ireland’s 1,187 schools in prayer. Partners there include, CARE, Crown Jesus, Urban Saints, Scripture Union, Youth for Christ, 24/7 Prayer Ireland and several churches. There is a sense of faith and expectancy there! Please remember them in prayer.

