



COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY

You may ask people to stand when their role in education is identified, so that the congregation can pray specifically for them.

The bold type indicates the congregational response.

On Education Sunday we remember our schools, colleges and universities and the important role they play in our communities.

We pray all those who teach and learn, who study and who support, and we ask for God's blessing on them.

Although there are many students, and many staff, they are all important to God:

and no-one is lost

We pray for the children in our nurseries and in our primary schools. We pray that they know your love and care as they experience the wonder of new discoveries and learn more about your world. We pray that they learn how important they are to you...

and no-one is lost.

We think of the young people in our secondary schools as they increase their knowledge and develop new skills. We pray that they may also learn to care about each other and those around them...

and no-one is lost.

We pray for students in colleges and universities, as they balance the demands of their studies with new opportunities. We pray that they are not overwhelmed...

and no-one is lost.

As the new school year begins, we pray for all those who have moved to a new school, college or university. It's easy to feel lost and alone, particularly at the start. Help them to know your presence, to know that you love them...

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and no-one is lost.

We pray for the teachers and lecturers who nurture our children and young people, helping them to flourish. As they deal with difficult and stressful situations, we pray that they will be surrounded by your love...

and no-one is lost.

We thank God for support staff in schools, colleges and universities. Sometimes they may feel overlooked and unappreciated, but you know their worth...

and no-one is lost.

We ask for God's blessing on chaplains and student workers, who support students and staff, constantly reminding us of God's presence among us...

and no-one is lost.

We thank you, God, for all those who volunteer in educational settings, who offer their time and commitment to show young people how much they matter...

and no-one is lost.

We remember families: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents and friends, who support learners and teachers, students and lecturers, staff and volunteers. All of us have a role to play in sharing God's love and care with those around us, teaching and learning, discovering and playing, working and studying...

and no-one is lost.

Amen

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