

# PUPILS' PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(various ages)

## The School Day

### Beginning of day



Dear God,  
Bless all of us at St Peter's  
Our teachers and our friends.  
Help us though every day  
With the choices that it sends.  
Look over us and guide us  
In everything we do.  
And listen to our quiet prayers  
When we talk to you  
Amen

*St Peter CE Primary School*

Today, please help me to be kind and caring and listen to the teacher. Amen

*St Matthew CE Primary School, Nechells*

Dear God

Today, please help me to write well and to listen. Amen

*St Saviour CE Primary School*

## Lunchtime

(A Grace) Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the lovely food you provide us with today.  
Help us to remember the children throughout the world who are starving  
and drinking dirty water. Please help them to survive.  
Lord, hear our prayer. Amen

*Quinton CE Primary School*



(A Grace) Dear God, I thank you for my dinner which makes me happy and healthy. Amen

*St Matthew CE Primary School, Nechells*

## End of day



Hands together, softly so, little eyes tight shut,  
Father, just before we go  
Hear our prayer tonight.  
We are all your children, dear,  
And we softly say  
Keep us safely through the night,  
And through every day.  
Amen

*St Mary CE Primary School, Selly Oak*

## *School/Class Prayers*

Dear God,  
Thank you for our school and our teachers.  
Help us always to do our best,  
and give us the determination to achieve our goals.  
Help us to treat people how we would like to be treated  
and turn enemies into best friends.  
Help us to listen to and learn from other people.  
Amen

*St Patrick CE Primary Academy*



Dear God  
Please keep St Clement's Academy a happy, successful and healthy school.  
Guide us to respect on another and show each other kindness.  
Watch over us and help us to achieve our goals.  
Give us strength to overcome our barriers and look after our school community.  
We thank you God. Amen

*St Clement CE Primary Academy*

Dear Father  
Thank you for our school,  
It is full of happiness and love.  
Thank you for our friends and family.  
They bring us peace and contentment.  
Protect us and guide us in all we do and say.  
You are the light of the world.  
Amen

*St Clement CE Primary Academy*

Dear Father God,  
Our school is a special place where we come together to learn about this wonderful world you have created.  
Help us to look and listen carefully and to do our best.  
We thank you for all the people who work in our school, especially the teachers who teach us.  
Help us, Lord, to value and care for each other, today and always.  
Amen

*Christchurch CE Primary School, Oldbury*

Dear Lord  
Thank you for our day at school.  
Thank you for our friends who are kind to us and our teachers who help us learn.  
Help us make every day a good day. Amen [Year One]

Dear God  
Please help our Year 4 class to work hard.  
Do not let us cross troubled waters alone and be beside us for ever.  
We are you children and we honour your name.  
Now and always. Amen [Year Four]

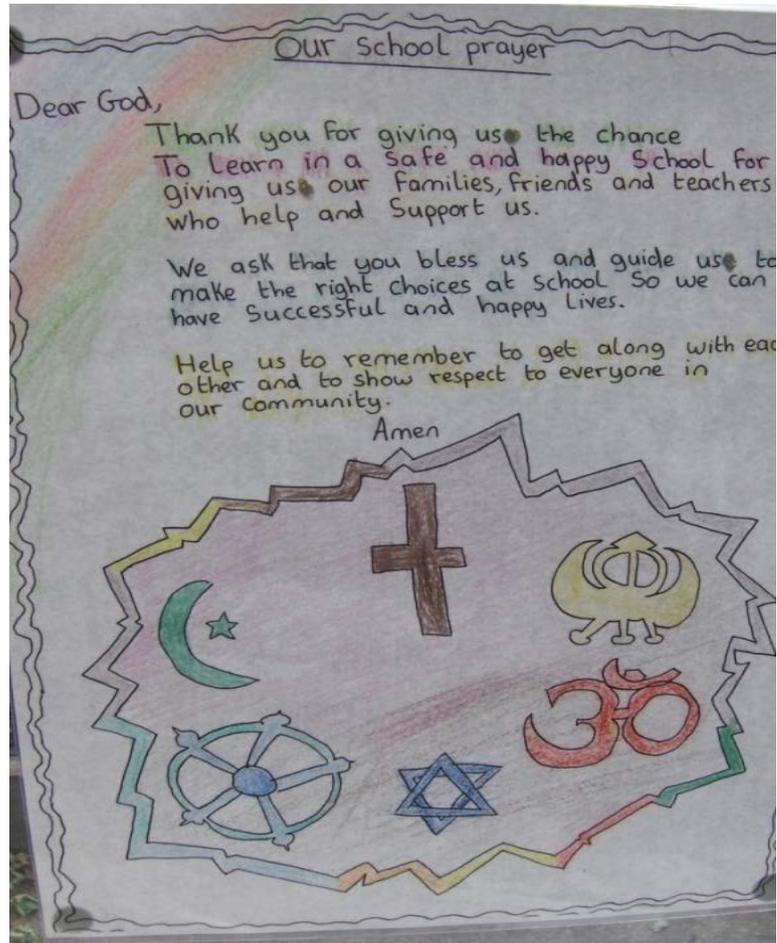
*St John & St Peter CE Academy*



This is our school.  
Let peace dwell here, let the rooms be full of contentment.  
Let love abide here: Love of one another, Love of mankind,  
Love of life itself and love of God.  
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,  
so, many hearts build a school.  
Amen

*Bishop Wilson CE Primary School*

*Christchurch CE Primary School,  
Sparkbrook*



Dear God,  
Bless our school and everyone in it. We know that we are all special and matter to you. Thank you for our happy school, for our families and friends who care for us. Thank you for our wonderful world and every good gift you send us. Help us always to do our best and may you and your angels watch over us and keep us safe today and every day. Amen

*Bishop Wilson CE Primary School*



St Alban's Academy Prayer

Dear God, we thank you that we are able to learn and grow.  
Help us make the most of the talents you have given us.  
Challenge us to meet your high expectations.  
Make us confident to show how good we can be.  
Help us to shine our light and reveal our gifts.  
Work through us Lord to make the world a better place for all your children.  
Amen

## The School Year



### *Beginning of the School Year*

Thank you, God, for keeping us safe over the holidays and for bringing us back together again. Thank you, God in heaven, for this new school year just begun.

As we turn over a new page in the story of our school life, help us to make each mark one that shows your love. Help us to get used to our new teachers and help our teachers to understand our different personalities. Give us courage to ask for help when we need it so that we can build our learning power and believe in ourselves. When we make mistakes, help us to learn from them and then let them fall away like autumn leaves. In this new school year, please fill our minds with inspiration and our hearts with joy and love. May everyone in our school family be guided by you. Amen

*St Margaret CE Primary School*

### *End of the School Year*



In God's name we thank those who have helped and supported us throughout our time at St George's School - all the teachers and teaching assistants who have been there, through the good and the bad.

We are now growing up and taking bigger steps in life;

We are grateful for the love, respect and wisdom our parents have given us,

And we show our gratitude by reading this special prayer.

We pray that Almighty God will watch over them as you have watched over me.

God, if I lose my hope and my plans fail, help me to remember that your love is greater than my disappointments and your plans for my life are better than my dreams. Amen

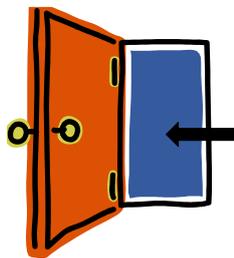
*St George CE Primary School, Newtown*

Dear Lord,

I pray for my friends over the holiday to keep safe. Thank you for the great teachers we have and thank you for this year. Please keep me safe. Amen

*Shustoke CE Primary School*

### *Moving on to Secondary School*



Lord God,

Help us to be proud of who we are, to cherish our abilities and strive for excellence in everything we do.

Give us the courage to seize opportunities and the determination to reach our potential. Help us to follow Jesus in our new journey; help us to choose the correct path and overcome the challenges we will face.

As we say goodbye to friends, we thank them for their inspiration and kindness.

Thank you God for guiding us this far. Help us to look forward to the future knowing that you are always with us... Amen

*Woodside CE Primary Academy*

Dear Lord,

Please look after Year 6 when they go up to High School. Please help them to be sensible. Please help them to be helpful. Help them to make new friendships. Please help them to be kind to their friends. Amen

*Nethersole CE Academy*

Dear God

Thank you for our education, our successes, our friends and teachers.

Praise you for seven years of great opportunities, and chances to aspire to our dreams.

Lord we thank you for preparing us for our next step in life.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Dear God

We always have bad days. Please help us to have good days and help everyone in secondary school to have a good day, and the adults as well.

Amen

*St Mary CE Primary Academy, Handsworth*

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Our successes, our friends and teachers.

Praise you for seven years of great opportunities,

And chances to aspire to our dreams.

Lord we thank you for preparing us for our next step in life.

In Jesus' name, Amen

*Lapworth CE Primary School*

Dear Lord,

In all the scary times please give us all courage.

Give us courage as we all move on in the world.

Help us to have courage when we move up to secondary school.

Help us to make friends and give other people courage when they are scared.

Please give all of us courage as we all have to make new friends in Year 7.

Amen

*St Mary CE Primary Academy, Handsworth*



## The Church Year

### *Advent*



Dear Lord  
Help us to get prepared for Christmas in Advent.  
Help us to understand how the birth of Jesus was special.  
Help us to learn about Jesus as we grow older and help us believe.  
Amen

O Lord,  
This Advent, please watch over us and teach us how to share the love of God. Please remind us how you came and gave your only son to us to show how to love. Please don't just bless us, bless people who have done wrong against you to show them right and wrong.  
Amen

*Bentley Heath CE Primary School*



### *Christmas*

Dear Lord, thank you for being born.  
If you had not been born, there would not be Christmas.  
Thank you. Amen

*Quinton CE Primary School*

## Special Occasions

### *Moving to a new school building*

Lord our God, our Saviour, our hope  
We sit here in old, used chairs in old classrooms where our elder brothers once sat; I pray to you that the spirit of St Michael's will not be left behind as we move on to a bigger and better, transformed school. Even though it is for the best - new facilities, a new image, let us remember who we are, a school family. I hope that we will be able to use these facilities that you have given us to honour you Lord, and spread the word of your greatness. In your name,  
Amen.

Dear God,  
I've never done this before; I really struggle to find the words to say.  
I've never sat down and written a prayer.  
Now there's a little thing on my mind.  
Now, I hope you're listening – I only want a few minutes of your time.  
We're moving on, to a new place.  
Today I saw fear on a friend's face,  
so what I'm really asking for is for a little help, and hope.  
Let the move go safely, let everyone cope.  
Amen



*St Michael's CE High School, Rowley Regis*

## **Changing School**

Thank you for bringing me to this new school that is kind and caring.  
I love this new school and thank you for helping me to make lots of new best friends.  
Amen



*St Saviour CE Primary School*

Dear God  
Please look after Stephanie in her new school. Help her to make friends and feel your love.  
Amen

*Holly Hill CE-Methodist Primary School*

## **Member of staff getting married**

Dear Father God  
Thank you for this exciting day.  
Help to keep their love strong.  
May they be happy together  
May they celebrate the joining of their two families,  
and the beauty this day brings  
We pray their love will last all their lives and ever more  
Amen



*St Andrew CE First School*

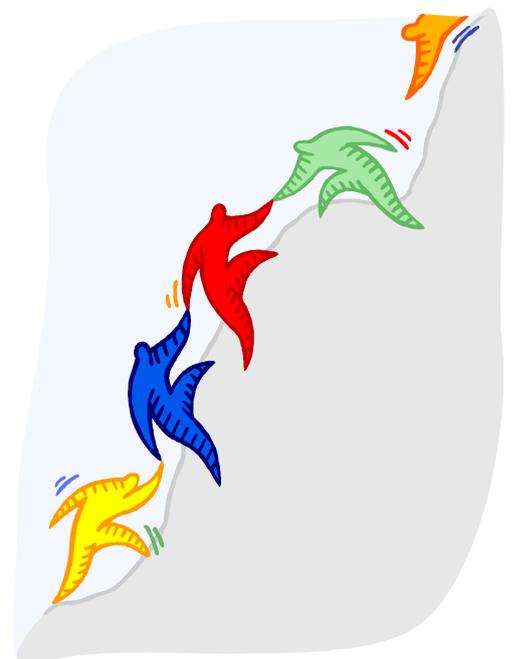
## **Comic Relief Day**

Dear Lord, Help us to  
**R**aise money to help others who are suffering  
**E**ating, help those who are hungry to find food.  
**D**anger. Help us to keep our friends safe from danger

**N**oses, let people enjoy red nose Day to remind us to:  
**O**pen our eyes to the suffering and see how we can help.  
**S**ponsor somebody so that your work can be done.  
**E**njoy doing good for others.

**D**o a good deed  
**A**nycan help.  
**Y**ou can do anything.  
Amen

*Knowle CE Primary Academy*



## Praise and Thanksgiving

Thank you for our lives, they are just great.  
What would the world do without you?  
Thank you for fresh food and water, it is just great.  
What would the world do without you?  
Thank you for everything, God you're the best.  
What would we do without you?

*Newton Regis CE Primary School*



Dear God,

I am writing to you to say thank you for all the fantastic things you have done for me, my family and the whole wide world. For giving us the water, earth, sky and Heaven. You have taught us right from wrong; that we are all human - all the same just like Jesus said. You are who we look up to when we are happy or sad! Thank you, God

*St George CE Primary School, Newtown*



Dear Lord

Thank you for spreading love and gifting each of us.  
Thank you for reviving the poor and loving the rich.  
Thank you for listening to people praying special memories to you.  
Thank you for forgiving us when we mess up and misbehave.  
Thank you for creating this beautiful world and the environment.  
Amen

God, in heaven most high  
Looking from above the sky.  
Thank you great Lord for the world we live in.  
We are lucky for what we are given.  
I treasure the gifts that you have shown,  
Thank you for life, friends and a family of my own.  
Waking up, looking forward to a beautiful day,  
Sitting up in my comfortable bed where I last lay.  
In Church I pray; that's what I do,  
Hands put together, thinking of you.  
Amen

*Lady Katherine Leveson CE Primary School*

Dear God

Thank you for helping us in difficult times. You are amazing and love us more than anyone else. We praise you because you are so powerful and beautiful. You are three in one, our saviour.  
We thank you.  
Amen

*St Laurence CE Junior School*



Dear God

Thank you for our friends because friends look after us. Friends are full of laughter and goodness and grace. Friends will make us feel happy when we are upset. Amen

*St Laurence CE Infant School*

Thank you God for this world and for the food and water you have given us. We appreciate the shelter you have provided for us.

Please help all those in need especially those who are ill. Provide them with whatever they need to help them become better.

Thank you for our families who care for us every day. Please help us to do the right things and to follow your teachings.

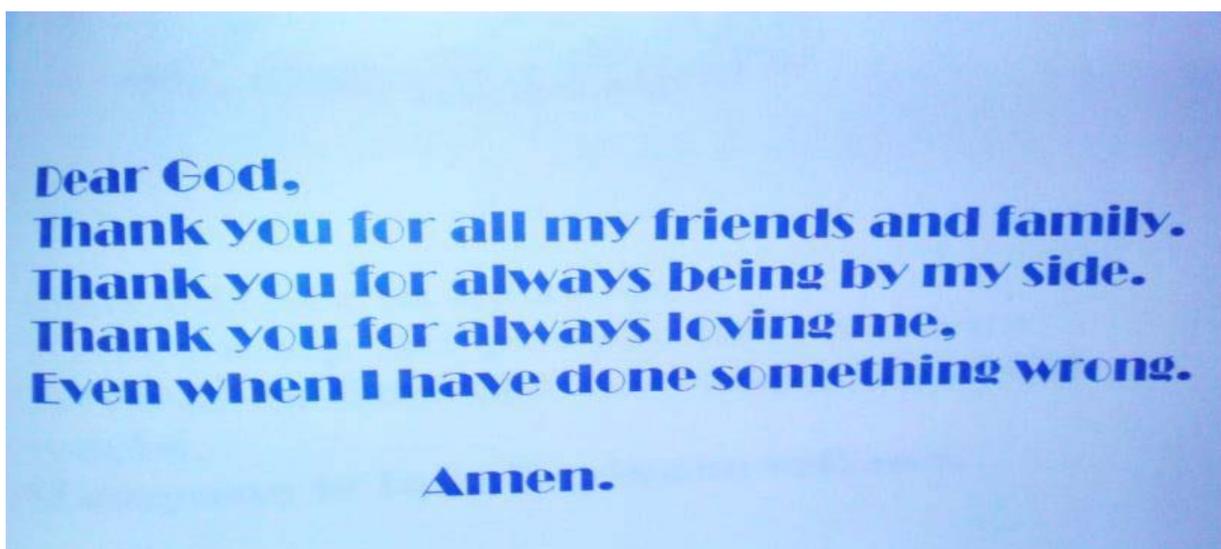
You are the greatest, and will remain forever so.

Amen

*St Saviour CE Primary School*

Thank you for creating the beach; thank you for the crashing waves and the hot sand

*St Michael CE Primary Academy, Bartley Green*



*St Mary CE Primary School, Selly Oak*

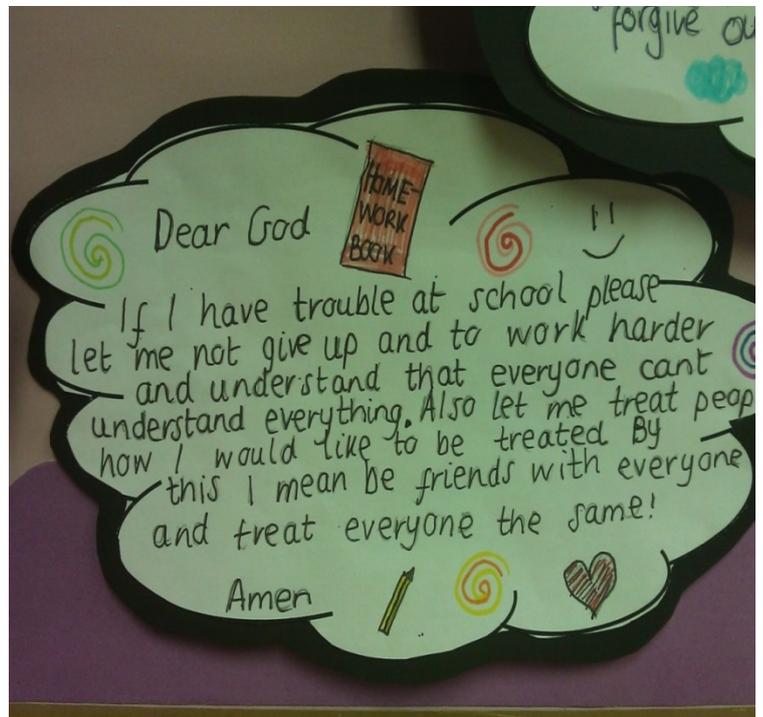
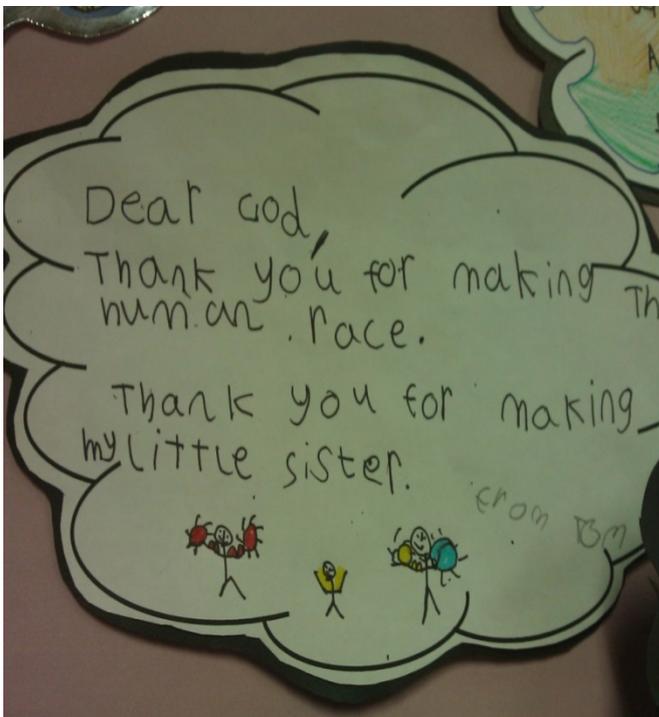
## ***Thanksgiving for the Bible***

God our Father,  
Thank you for the special book and what we can learn from it.  
Thank you for the Bible words in every language.  
Thank you for the Bible's special meanings: believing, forgiveness, friendship and love.  
Amen

*Hawkesley CE-Methodist Academy*

## **Prayer for Ourselves and Others**

### ***Prayers for ourselves***



*St Barnabas CE Primary School*

Dear Lord  
Please help us to keep moving on and help a friend on the way.  
Keep us strong against the challenging obstacles that come our way on our journey.  
Help me and my friends and give us the will-power to help others.  
Amen

*Austrey CE Primary Academy*



God our Father, God our friend  
Please guide through  
Life's many changes  
As the snow turns to sun  
And the day to night  
Please show us the way  
With your guiding light

Keep us protected and away from harm,  
Teach us right from wrong so all is calm

As we grow from young to old,  
Let us remember all you have told.  
We show love and care to all that we know,  
Show kindness and respect wherever we go.  
Amen



*St Saviour CE Primary School*

### ***Prayers for Others***

Dear God,  
Thank you for our voices. Thank you for our emotions and our special abilities to be able to share our kindness with you all.  
Help us to think about how bullying and name calling can hurt other people inside. Help us to be caring, loyal and thoughtful people.  
Loving God, Hear our prayer

*St James CE Primary School, Handsworth*

Dear Lord, Thank you for giving this world's light and joy. Please put sunshine in sad bodies. Please give them warmth and fill them with joy and happiness. Amen

*St Matthew CE Primary School, Nechells*

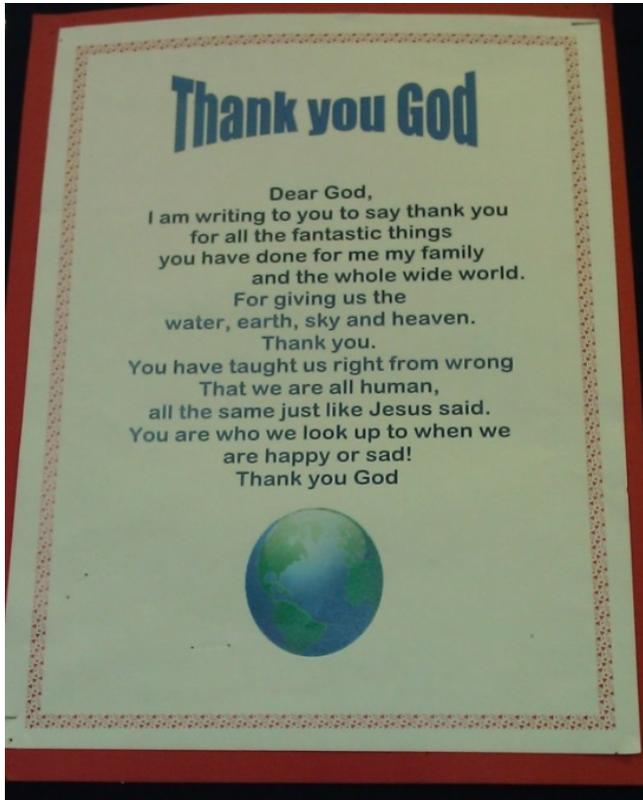
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*St Matthew CE Primary School, Nechells*



*St George CE Primary, Newtown*

### ***Prayers for Our friends and families***

Dear God, Please help us to remember our beloved ones who are no longer with us. Help us to look after the people left behind and treasure precious memories of loved ones

*St George CE Primary School, Edgbaston*

### ***Prayers for Our school***



Thank you for the Eid assembly that Class 5H did.  
Thank you for St James Primary School.  
Thank you for the teachers and Head Teacher.  
Thank you for money and food.  
Thank you for well-behaved children.  
Thank you for kind people.  
Thank you for love and peace.  
Thank you for behaviour points and house points.  
Thank you for coins so we can raise money for charity.  
Thank you for books and games that we play.  
Loving God, Hear our prayer.

*St James CE Primary School, Handsworth*

Dear Lord, thank you for our amazing school. I thank you for the teachers who help us learn, dinner staff who look after us at lunch time, cooks who prepare our food, cleaners who keep our school clean, teaching assistants who help us in class, the secretary who helps with registers and money, the Headmaster who makes our school run smoothly and my friends who make me feel happy and safe in school. Amen

*Quinton CE Primary School*

Dear God,  
Thank you for our Prayer garden.  
Let it grow beautiful flowers;  
Let the willow tunnel grow strong and healthy;  
Let us enjoy nature's beauty, and the peace and stillness.  
As we think about your wonderful world,  
It is the perfect place to be with you.  
Amen

*Tanworth in Arden CE Primary Academy*



Dear Father God,  
Our school is a special place where we come together to learn about this wonderful world you have created. Help us to look and listen carefully and to do our best.  
We thank you for all the people who work in our school, especially the teachers who teach us.  
Help us, Lord, to value and care for each other, today and always.  
Amen

*Christchurch CE Primary School, Oldbury*

## Remembering Others

### *Member of staff in hospital*

Dear God  
I'm not the most religious of people, as I think you know. However, one of our teachers is extremely ill. I'm praying in the hope that you will give his family and friends the comfort they need at this time. Amen

Our Father in Heaven,  
We pray for our teacher who is not well.  
For the nurses in the hospital, who work so hard.  
For him to make a full recovery.  
At this distressing time, I ask for support for his family and friends.  
I pray for your spirit to give him courage in his body, mind and soul.  
I seek your help on behalf of a man who cannot ask for it;  
I pray for him to win this struggle and regain his strength.  
In your name,  
Amen

*St Michaels CE High School, Rowley Regis*

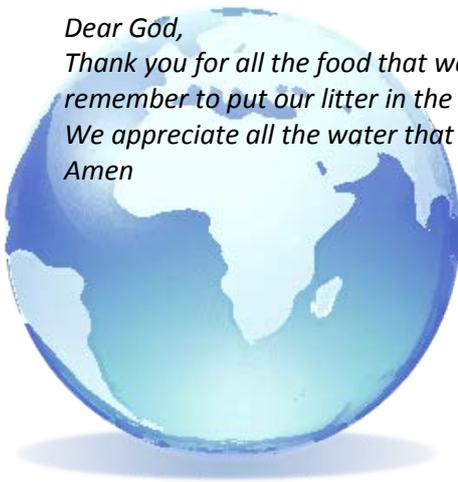


## *Our Planet*

Thank you for the lovely Diwali assembly before the holidays.  
We are grateful for all you have given us.  
Please help us to realise that we are more fortunate than many people  
to have food and drink, family and a suitable home to live in.  
Please help us to see that global warming is very important  
and we will do all we can to have a safe planet.  
Loving God, hear our prayer.

*St James CE Primary School, Handsworth*

*Dear God,  
Thank you for all the food that we have. Help us not to waste as much food as we do. Please help us to  
remember to put our litter in the bin. Help us to realise that in some countries they do not have food like us.  
We appreciate all the water that you have given us, and thank you for all the wonderful birds that sing.  
Amen*



*Coleshill CE Primary School*

## *Children in other countries*

We pray for the children in Malawi,  
that they are safe and healthy and that they have lovely teachers.  
We pray that they have clean water and healthy food.  
We pray that they have good friends and play nicely together.  
We pray that they are happy and that their families are happy too.  
Amen

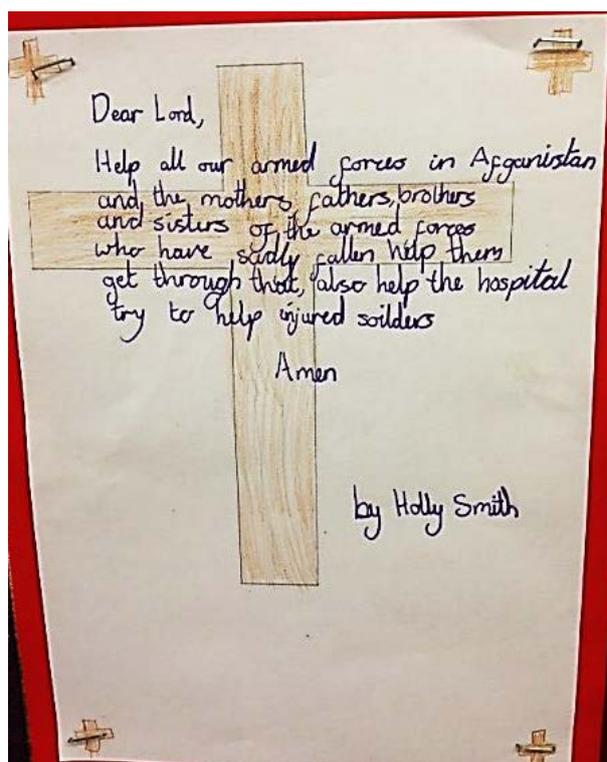
*Moseley CE Primary School*



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for giving us things that other people don't have. Help us to raise enough money to help poor  
people around the world. Give us strength to go to work so that we can get money to help others. Amen

*St Matthew CE Primary School, Nechells*

## *Those who are affected by conflict/natural disasters*



*St Mary & St Margaret  
CE Primary School*

Dear God

Thank you for the love and peace at home. Please help people with affected lives in other countries because of war, diseases or natural causes of the Earth. Catch every tear that falls and turn them into tears of joy. We think about all the new lives, which might be cut short - help us to send aid that can help everyone. Amen

*St Saviour CE Primary School*

Dear Lord,

Please help the people who are suffering in this world at this time. It may be because of natural disasters such as hurricanes, volcanoes or floods. Please help people in countries where there is war, where people are being persecuted and killed. I feel sorrow for them and their suffering. Please help us to help and care for them. Amen



*Deanery CE Primary Academy*

Dear God

Help us remember all the people who have died whilst at war. Let them be safe in heaven and let them finish their incomplete life. We thank them for their bravery and for what they sacrificed for us. Amen

*St Alphege CE Junior School*

Dear Lord, protect and guide people who are suffering; cover them with your Holy blanket. Bring hope to the hopeless, faith to the faithless and stop every pandemonium around the world in Jesus' name I pray. Amen

*St Matthew CE Primary School, Nechells*

## Prayers for specific values

### *For forgiveness*

Dear Lord, we thank you for your gifts to us all. We are sorry that we sometimes forget how to be kind and generous to others around us. Help us to understand that you created us all the same, in your image, and that we should be like you. Help us to be ready to offer our help to others so that where some people suffer we can be like you and make their lives easier. Amen

*St John's & St Peter CE Academy, Ladywood*

Dear Lord

Forgive us for all of the things that we do that make you upset or frustrated. As we grow older, help us to make fewer mistakes and help us to help others more. We are sorry for all the people we hurt or upset and please help us to forgive people who upset us. Amen

*St Francis CE Primary School*

### *For hope*

Heavenly Father,

Let every day be a day full of hope and knowing you are with us. Please bring us hope as we move towards the future. Whenever we are lost and don't know the way, please guide us and be the light in the darkness. For those times that we feel as if we are hopeless and unwilling to open the door to a busier and harder life, please remind us never to give up as you are with us. Let us trust that you will always be with us.

In Jesus' name, Amen

*St Mary CE Primary Academy, Handsworth*

### *For peace*

Dear God

This is a short prayer asking the Creator to bless the world with peace.

Creator of the world, help us to love one another.

Help us to care for one another as sister or as brother.

May friendship grow from nation to nation.

Bring peace to our world. Amen

*St Saviour CE Primary School*



### *For pride*

O Lord,

We are proud because we all work together and make each other smile.

We are proud of all the teachers and for the support that they give us.

We are proud of how much we have matured since we started in Nursery and for how much we have achieved at school.

Amen

*St Michael CE Primary Academy, Bartley Green*

## ***For trustworthiness***

Dear God, please help us in being honest people. Help us to always tell the truth and never to make up stories which are not true. Amen

*St Saviour CE Primary School*

## ***For unity and cooperation***



### **Diversity prayer**

Dear Lord,

Let us pray that everyone in our world can be valued and their abilities can be recognised.

Let us be proud of who we are and treat others equally. Help us to respect people for who they are and not to judge them by what they look like, believe or feel.

Thank you for all the changes in the world that have helped people to rise up and stand against oppression.

Let us share our similarities and celebrate our differences.

**Amen**

**Written by Year 6**

## New expressions of the Lord's Prayer

Our God, right up in Heaven,  
Keep your name Holy forever  
God, your Kingdom come.  
We all want to be happy on earth as in Heaven.  
Thank you for the food we need.  
Forgive the wrong that we do,  
Always, please forgive our bad behaviour.  
Don't let us be tempted into bad things,  
But keep us away from evil.  
You have the glory and the power. Amen



Our Father who lives in Heaven  
Let us shout out your name  
Teach us how to live in the way that you would want us to live  
Help us to be kind, thoughtful and honest  
Thank you for the food you provide us with and this world you give us  
Thank you for the creatures too. Amen

*St John CE Primary Academy, Sparkhill*

Our Father who is in Heaven  
Let us praise your name.  
Your house is big and strong  
But your heart is bigger still.  
Give us the food that we need  
And help us through the wrong  
As we help our friends.  
Help us try to stay on the right path  
So we are delivered from the evil one.  
For you're the power of the heart and  
The glory of the smile, now and forever.  
Amen

*Warton Nethersoles CE Primary Academy*

## Prayers Inspired by Psalms

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
You created the colourful nature of grass, trees and bushes.  
You created the sapphire blue sky and the white fluffy clouds.  
You created rocks, stones and a hard pavement.  
You created beautiful creatures like birds that tweet and tiny insects.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name.  
Every leaf that falls from every tree has a beautiful pattern and colour, a different shape and size.  
Every bird that flies in the sky has its own way of flying, its own way of living.  
Every worm that wiggles in the soil was created by your voice,  
and every flower has its own shadow that it follows, whose petals form a head.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the Earth.



The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.  
Praise the Lord for he is great; Praise the Lord, let's all celebrate.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.  
Raise the Lord's great name on high; let there not be one single lie;  
The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.  
Awful things they will never happen if you rely on the Lord's power.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.  
Inspiration will come to those who are wise and seek knowledge in God.

*Deanery CE Primary Academy*