



Governors Book of Prayers



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Foreword from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

Dear governor

Thank you so much for your willingness to become a governor, to commit your time and care to our children and the church schools within this diocese which seek to provide the best education and learning experience possible for them!

Welcome to this new booklet, created by governors of church schools for governors of church schools, to help you embed ethos and embrace Christian Distinctiveness in your governing body.

People come to governance for a variety of reasons, but at the heart, governors undertake this crucial role because they care about the quality of education that the children in our schools are receiving. Church of England schools serve children of all faiths and none, but as church schools we have something extra to offer in our Christian values and belief.

Our ethos has never been as important as it is now. With the new Ofsted and SIAMS frameworks putting emphasis on the vision of the organisation, this is something church schools need to get right and we can't leave it to our Headteachers to lead alone. As a governing body of a church school, all governors are responsible for upholding the Christian distinctiveness of the school. However there is a lot of work to do if you're a governor, especially if you serve as a Chair of Governors, and we acknowledge that church school distinctiveness can seem a low priority when you have a huge amount of work to do and a limited amount of time, particularly if Ofsted is looming closer than SIAMS.

The diocese would like to encourage an alternative way of looking at ethos. Ethos is what the school stands for. It is the embodiment of your school's vision. We encourage you to look at all decisions and all activities through the lens of ethos; this then not only means you are living your vision, but in a practical sense your ethos is automatically embedded in the work of your governing body.

There are lots of great resources to help governors with ethos; starting with the Church of England Vision for Education, and the Foundation for Educational Leadership's governance book. Bath and Wells would like to add to that resource with this booklet. This resource offers a selection of prayers, written by people involved in governance throughout the diocese for you to use at the beginning of your meetings, as well as a section on Christian values, with quotes and biblical passages to help your governing body consider that value.

I hope that you find this useful in your governance work. The Education Team are always available to help you, so please do contact them if you need advice about governance, SIAMS, embedding ethos or anything else to do with your school.

May you know God's presence and blessing as you share in this important task!

Prayer:

We thank you Lord for our children, a precious gift from you

May we use the gifts of our time, wisdom, and experience to help them to learn and grow, fulfil their potential and become all that you want them to be.

We pray for our schools, for the staff who teach, support and care for our young

We ask that you will bless them, cause them to flourish and give them resilience as they face both challenge and joy in their work.

We pray for our governors, parents, and those who advise and train

Help us to both see the big picture and attend to the small details with grace and hope, knowing you hold us all in your loving hand.

In your mercy...
hear our prayer

+ Ruth Tambo

General prayers for the start of a meeting

Dear Lord, let the peace of this place surround us as we pray. Let the hurry and worry of life fall away from us. We are God's children and he loves us and cares for us all. He is here with us now. Let us speak to him thoughtfully and allow him time to speak to us.

Enable those of us gathered together today to do your will

Help us to be vulnerable that we may speak with calm humility

Help us to be individuals who can listen to others

Help us to be outward looking that we may care deeply

Help us to be peacemakers and bridge builders

Help us to work together for the future of all the children in our care.

Help us all to hear your still small voice of calm. **Amen.**

Gill Stobart

Chair of School Organisation Working Group

Heavenly Father

We thank you for the opportunity to meet today

We thank you for the privilege of service

We thank you for the children and families in our schools.

We pray that we may keep them ever central to our thinking

We pray that you would grant us wisdom and insight

We pray that you would grant us courage in our challenging and compassion in our listening

We pray for your guidance and vision in all that we do today

We pray for your grace and love in how we do it

We pray your blessing on our thoughts, our discussions and our decisions and

Lord we pray your blessing on each and every child whom we seek to serve.

In the blessed name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Tess Gale

Redstart Learning Partnership

This simple prayer can be introduced with a short time of silence with an invitation to reflect on the day we have had, our school, our forthcoming meeting and our faith.

Help us, dear Lord, to be open as you were open:

To be humble so that we can learn from others, from God and from Scripture;
To be confident so that we can teach by our words, our example and our aspirations;

To be dedicated so that we can faithfully serve all children and adults whatever their background, abilities or position within this place;

And so to govern our school community in the model of your coming Kingdom.

Amen.

[a further short silence may be introduced]

May the Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Or

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

**The Rev'd Preb Noel Hector, Foundation Governor
All Saints C of E Primary School East Clevedon**

Heavenly Father, we seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we meet today. May it give us wisdom and understanding to do your will for the benefit of all who teach and learn here, and for the advancement of your Kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

**Caroline Mercer, Vice Chair of Trustees
Palladian Academy Trust**

Father God.

As we fall silent in your presence, send your Spirit to guide and inspire us in all our decision making. Help us to keep the children, staff and parents of our school in our hearts and at the forefront of our thinking. We ask this in the Name of the One who came as light to our world, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

**Matthew Gardner, Head Teacher
Wadham Church of England Upper School**

Based on a quote by Archbishop Robert Runcie.

Father, in a world marked by rapid change, global competition and insecurity, help us as governors, to enable our children to see the importance of family life, love of neighbour and the beauty of creation. Give us, we pray, the ability to show that truth, in a context of firm principles suffused by faith and love, is the best and right basis for learning and growing. We ask this in Jesus name. **Amen.**

**Tony Blackshaw
Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling us to be governors at this school. We pray for our staff, our parents and our children. By your Holy Spirit, give us strength and give us wisdom, that we may be faithful to the trust we have received, and a support to those with whom we work, for the good of all who are in our care. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Rev'd Robin Lodge, Vicar of St Andrew's and
Foundation MAT Governor St Andrew's Church School, Taunton**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing us together once more, gathering in your name, to help lead, guide and support the work of all those within our wide community.

We ask for your blessing in all the responsibilities we bear as Governors (Trustees). May we reach our decisions rooted in a desire to serve in your name.

Grant us wisdom and understanding; of our school, our community and ourselves. Watch over the children and staff of this school so that it may continue to flourish according to your will.

Amen.

**Jean Hopegood, Head Teacher
Selwood Academy, Frome**

Gracious God, we thank you for this school, its staff, its pupils (insert children or students), its parents and the community we seek to serve. We want to honour you by living up to the values and ethos of the school in all that we seek to do. Help us now in this meeting to offer support to those who have leadership responsibilities and to offer appropriate support and challenge in the items for discussion and decision. May we be attentive to each other and respectful to each other. Above all things, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom and understanding in discerning your will for us in the decisions and actions we take. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Malcolm Broad MBE
Trustee Wellsway Multi Academy Trust**

Dear Father God,

We thank you for who you are and for what you have already done for us and for our school. We know how much you value our community and we recognise that everyone plays a vital role as we work together for our future together. We recognise that you are mighty and are the fount of all wisdom and truth.

We ask and pray that today, as we meet together, that you would fill us with the knowledge of your will and that you would guide all the decisions that we make. Help us to treat each other with the dignity and respect that we all deserve as fellow human beings and as your children.

We ask this all in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

**Paul Marvin, RE Co-ordinator
Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership**

‘Hallelujah! I will praise the Lord with all my heart.’

Loving Lord,

We pray for our school and all who make up each valuable part. May we be present in the here and now, to recognise that we have within our community, abundant gifts to celebrate. May we see your Spirit at work through the activities we share within our community, through all those we meet and greet and those who serve its interests every day.

May your Spirit refresh all who work in our school, so that they may serve with renewed energy and God’s wisdom the children of our community. Guide those tasked with leading our community and all others, in whose hands is the training of our children and young people, that we may be for them not a hindrance but a help and encouragement.

As we start this meeting, help us to remember not to take anything for granted. You have given us life to experience in all its fullness, help us to remember that every blessing comes from you: your love that warms our hearts; your words that guide us; your Spirit that sustains us; your presence that makes us whole.

May the presence of Jesus bring peace to our hearts, peace to our classrooms, peace to our corridors, offices and playgrounds, so that in your name we find strength to act in service to those in our school, making our contribution to the whole and enabling the love of God to grow through us.

Help us to present ourselves as your workers, rightly explaining the word of truth, encountering God and following in the way the Spirit directs us, trusting and believing in the power of Jesus through us, so that all we do in word or deed declares:

‘Hallelujah! I will praise the Lord with all my heart.’

Amen

**Ian Robinson, Chief Executive Officer
The Oak Partnership Trust**

Themed prayers

Prayer for the beginning of the academic year

Lamentations 3:21-23:

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Psalm 139:7-10:

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

Amidst the excitement, the challenges, the opportunities of a new academic year we pause to know that God is present. God is present in the good times and in the difficult moments, there for us always. He promises that He will both guide us and hold us fast!

What an encouragement!

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we start a new academic year together we thank you that you are always with our school, with our children, our families, our staff and with us as Governors.

We thank you that 'bidden or not bidden' in the good times and in the difficult times you are present within our school, with our children, our families, our staff and with us as Governors.

As this school year unfolds may we all know your presence with us as we seek to know your guidance, your peace, your joy and your encouragement.

Amen.

**Ed Gregory, Director of Education
Diocese of Bath and Wells**

A prayer for the end of an academic year

God of our journey,
We offer to you the year that has passed,
the times of joy,
and the times of sorrow;
for the ways in which we have experienced your love for all creation,
and your care for each of your children.
As we look back, help us also to be filled with expectancy at the new things you
are doing,
both in and through us,
and to trust that whatever lies ahead,
you will travel with us.
Amen.

**Rev'd Jo Stobart, Vicar of Ilminster & Whitelackington (Benefice)
Ex-officio Governor at Greenfylde Church of England First School**

A budget meeting

Loving God, we thank you that we have come together to set the budget for
our school. We ask that we may listen to you and to one another as we discuss
this important part of our responsibilities as governors. May we make wise
decisions for the good of our children and all who work at our school. **Amen.**

**Greg Hoare, Chair of Governors
Combe St Nicholas Church of England Primary School**

Recruitment of a new headteacher

Lord Jesus, in your ministry among us you were hailed as a 'teacher come from
God'. We thank you for being a teacher who inspires and changes the life of
everyone who meets you.

Lord, we ask for your blessing on our school and on our Governing Body as we
go about the work of appointing a new Headteacher. Give us good judgement
and help us to discern the gifts and qualities that each candidate brings and to
find a person who will share our vision of 'life in all its fullness'. **Amen.**

**Gary Lewis
Chief Executive of the Lighthouse Partnership**

Pre-Ofsted Meeting

Lord; grant us the will to work together,
the wisdom to listen to each other's views
and the gift of Godly discernment
in planning for our Ofsted inspection.
Help us to build an ethos of faith and not of fear
that supports the ongoing development of
each child, staff member, parent and governor
of our wonderful school.
Let our school become an example of
Love, hope and joy in our community.
Amen.

“We've had the phone call” prayer

And STOP, DEEP BREATH
And BREATHE... In, out, in, out,
Creator God, we pray for your presence with us in this moment of blind panic
We pray for your peace – for a spirit of calm
We pray for your grace – for a spirit of understanding
We pray for you hope – for a spirit of optimism

We pray the inspector will appreciate our selection of posh biscuits...
We pray our data makes any sense whatsoever...
We pray the governors are not all on holiday...
We pray the right children will need a day at home, you know the ones...
We pray the parent representatives don't mention that thing, you know the one...

Let us never forget that it is both a privilege and a responsibility to play a part
in the education of the young. Grant that we may remember today that it will
feel like a privilege again the day after tomorrow.

Lord, keep us sane in the next 48 hours and may we rely on your strength and
not the gin in the top drawer of the headteacher's office. **Amen.**

**James Fox-Robinson, Prayer and Spirituality Adviser
Diocese of Bath and Wells
Governor at St Cuthbert's C of E Infant School**

Post Ofsted meeting

Father God,
God of all and above all,
We thank you that you love all within our school.
We give you thanks that we can work together as a team so that we can all flourish as a school.
Bless us as the outcome of our Ofsted inspection is shared.
Bless us as we work together to continue to benefit the children in our care.
Be with us on the next part of our journey.
In your precious name.
Amen.

Karen Sancto
Diocesan School Effectiveness Adviser

A prayer before a SIAMS inspection

Lord Jesus Christ, as you faced many times of testing in your earthly life, give us your strength as our church school inspection approaches. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that others may see the vision that inspires us and makes us what we are. May our zeal and enthusiasm for the gospel shine in all our activities as we strive to make the most of all the gifts that you have given us. Bring us to the end of the day trusting that we have tried our best, and may receive your accolade "Well done, good and faithful servant." May all that we do in this school reflect your love and care for us in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Fr Jeremy Hellier
Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor

A prayer post-SIAMS

Heavenly Father

We thank you for our recent SIAMS inspection and the opportunity to demonstrate how we are a good church school. Thank you that we were able to show how the children flourish here in mind, body and spirit – and how our school serves the children and their families in this town/village.

We thank you for the inspector's attention to detail and how he/she listened to us as governors, recognising how hard we work to ensure the school lives out its Christian vision and values.

We pray for the future of our school. Help us to continue to support the headteacher and staff as they strive to make the school even better as a church school – as they develop the curriculum, the worship, the learning environment.

Help us also to nurture the partnerships we have with local churches and other community groups, recognised as an important aspect of the SIAMS inspection.

Above all we ask for your wisdom and guidance as we move forward, putting into place the development points from the inspection. We have so much to celebrate but also recognise our responsibility in preserving and developing the special ethos of our school.

Amen.

Pauline Dodds
Diocesan School Effectiveness Adviser

A meeting considering SEND/Pupil Premium

Dear Lord

We thank you that we are all beautifully and wonderfully made. You know us better than we know ourselves. No matter where we go or what we do Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. Thank you for our children. We know that each one is made in your image. They are unique and precious to you. Bless us as we care for them today we pray. **Amen.**

Based on psalm 139

**Rev'd Sarah Godfrey, Rector Milborne Port with Goathill and Charlton
Horethorne with Stowell
Foundation Governor, Charlton Horethorne CofE Primary School**

A prayer when considering and finding collaborations

Dear Lord

We welcome you to our meeting today and ask for your wisdom and love to guide our discussions and decisions.

We affirm that our highest priority is providing excellent education to the children in our care.

Please guide us in determining the most appropriate form of collaborative working for our school.

Any future collaboration needs be beneficial to current and future pupils, our staff, and to our community.

Help us to put aside our own opinions and prejudices and work together for the benefit of the children.

Amen.

**Claire Hudson
Diocesan School Organisation and Governance Adviser**

A prayer for academisation

Lord, You are with us in every transition and change; we ask you to give us wisdom in our decision making regarding the strategic partnerships we are considering for our school.

Be with us in our deliberations and help us to be wise in the decisions we make for the good of all those who have placed their trust and confidence in our leadership. Give us insight to lead with integrity that our decisions will enable all those who work in and with the schools to flourish now and into the future. **Amen**

Tina Wilkes
Diocesan Academies Advisor

A prayer when dealing with a complaint

Father God,
As we consider and work our way through this complaint,
Give us ears to hear all voices fairly,
Give us wisdom to discern the truth,
Give us integrity and unite us as we work our way through the process,
Give us compassion and empathy in our response,
We ask that those who lodged the complaint and those on whom the complaint is directed will feel loved and upheld in the process, with their voices being fairly and justly heard to come to the right conclusions.
May we hold children at the centre of all our discussions and decisions, today.
We ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Cheryl Govier
Go Team Adviser, Diocese of Bath and Wells

A prayer for times of difficulty and change

God of Wisdom,
In times of difficulty and uncertainty,
Help us make the right decision for the children and young people we serve.
Fill us with your confidence and wisdom
So that we are confident to bring your message.

Help us see a newer, brighter future
That we want to strive towards.
Let us dare to dream of this new place
And walk beside us as we journey along. **Amen**

Suzanne McDonald
Assistant Director of Education, School Organisation

A prayer for before exams/SATS

Our Heavenly Father, as we gather this evening, we are mindful that in the coming days many of our children / students will be taking tests and sitting examinations. We give thanks for all the hard work that staff and children/students have put in to bring them to this stage in their school life. We know our students are eager to do their best and we believe they will. Many will just sail through and cope brilliantly with the challenge of exams, but some will be worried and some we know will not achieve high marks or grades. Encourage them all we pray Oh God and especially those who find tests difficult or children who have special needs. Give to all, teachers and families alike, a spirit of calm and of acceptance and good old-fashioned love so that all taking part in tests and exams will feel supported. Help all we pray to know in their hearts that they have achieved their very best.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus, the One who passed successfully through great testing and achieved for us all in his death and resurrection the possibility of “life in all its fullness”. **Amen.**

Rev John Angle, Axbridge
Trustee, Wessex Learning Trust

A prayer for reviewing data

Lord God,

As we gather here this evening, we ask that you open our hearts and minds so that we may discern your will.

We pray for our school community; its staff and pupils, parents and governors. We pray for the knowledge and clarity of vision to monitor and review the data before us so we may ascertain the actions needed to allow all our children to flourish to their full potential and be the best they can be, acknowledging and embracing all their individual needs.

We pray that, as Governors, we may have the courage to question, challenge and discuss the outcomes so they may be in accordance with your will and the good of all your children.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Lucy Spedo Mirandol, Co-Chair of Governors
Bathwick St Mary Church School**

A prayer for before Christmas

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that we have the opportunity to meet together once again to discuss school business. Thank you that we have so many good things to celebrate within our school life and we pray for wisdom and guidance when we discuss the items on our agenda. We pray that as we talk and make decisions about our school that we would hear your voice and be led by your Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the excitement of Christmas and we pray for our school as we prepare our hearts for all that we can celebrate about this season. We thank you that we can freely celebrate the birth of Jesus. We thank you for the noise and fun, and we pray that there will also be time for reflection and quiet. We pray for those families who may find it tough at Christmas time and we ask that they would have peace and will have provision for all that they need.

We pray that each member of our school community would have an enjoyable Christmas season and will come back to school in January feeling rested and ready for a new term.

In your precious name.

Amen.

**Jasmine Riches, Foundation Governor
Ruishton Church of England Primary School**

Prayers when someone has died

Dear God...

At this time of great sadness to many,

Please comfort everyone who is in mourning.

Be especially close to the family and friends of

May they know your peace in their hearts,

May they draw strength from the happy memories they have,

May they draw strength from each other,

May they draw strength from You.

We ask these things in the name of your precious Son, Jesus.

Amen.

Lord

We thank you for the life of ...

We thank you for the precious memories we have,

For the times of fun, laughter and excitement.

For the times of thoughtfulness and quietness we shared together,

For the moments of unguarded loveliness which we will always treasure

Please be near us especially through this sad time.

Amen.

David Williams

Assistant Director, School Effectiveness

Vision and values

Vision and values have become an ever-present theme for both Ofsted and SIAMS.

The Board of Governors is responsible for upholding the Christian ethos of the school which includes being a part of the writing, implementing and outworking of the vision and values. It is important that as a Board of Governors you embrace the school vision and values. Most church schools choose around six Christian values to adopt as a school. As a governing body, keep your vision and values at the front of your mind as you attend meetings, make decisions, agree policies and the like.

The following pages contain a range of famous quotes and Bible verses which link to key Christian values. Make sure you know your schools chosen Christian values. as you begin your Governors meetings, choose a relevant Christian value and share one of the quotes and the Bible verse. As you do so, ask your board the follow questions:

- What does this value mean to our school?
- What might this value look like as we enter this meeting?
- How might this value impact on the decisions we make in this meeting?

This conversation only needs to take a couple of minutes but can be hugely helpful in creating a focus as you move into your meeting, with challenging conversations and decisions ahead.

Choose an appropriate prayer from the booklet to share and then begin your meeting.

Aspiration

“Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.” Louisa May Alcott

“The distance between your dreams, aspirations and success is your action or non-action.” Thabisile Ledwaba

‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.’ Colossians 3:23

Community

“Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter.”

Brian Solis

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things.” Mother Teresa

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much more.” Helen Keller

‘So it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.’ Romans 12:5

Compassion

“Compassion without action is just observation.” Anon

“Compassion is an action word without boundaries.” Prince

‘Let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.’ Galatians 6: 9

Courage

“You cannot swim for new horizons until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.” William Faulkner

“First, think. Second, believe. Third, dream. And finally, dare.” Walt Disney

‘I can do all things through him who strengthens me.’ Philippians 4:13

Creativity

“Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way.” Edward de Bono

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

Romans 12: 6

Dignity

“When it comes to human dignity, we cannot make compromises.” Angela Merkel

So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3: 28

Forgiveness

“Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

‘Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.’ Ephesians 4: 32

Friendship

“A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow.” William Shakespeare

There are “friends” who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother. Romans 18:24

Generosity

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” Anne Frank

“For it is by giving that we received.” Francis of Assisi

“Generosity is doing something for someone else, expecting nothing in return.” Simon Sinek

‘The one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ ² Corinthians 9:6-7

Hope

“Hope us being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Joy

“Joy does not simply find us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.” Henry J.M. Nouwen

‘I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.’ Romans 15: 13

Justice

“Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found against the wrong.” Theodore Roosevelt

‘The LORD has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.’

Micah 6:8

Love

“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa

‘Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.’ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Peace

“Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.” Ronald Reagan

Try to be at peace with everyone, and try to live a holy life, because no one will see the Lord without it. Hebrews 12:14

Perseverance

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up.” Thomas Edison

“Perseverance is failing nineteen times and succeeding the twentieth.” Julie Andrews

‘So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.’ Galatians 6:9

Respect

“Show respect even to people who don’t deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours.” Dave Willis

‘Love one another warmly as Christians and be eager to show respect for one another.’ Romans 12: 10

Service

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” Martin Luther King, Jr

‘God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.’ 1 Peter 4:10

Thankfulness

“He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.” Epictetus

“Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold rather a lot of gratitude.” AA Milne, Winnie the Pooh

‘Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.’ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Trust

“Trust is earned when actions meet words.” Chris Butler

‘Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.’ 2 Timothy 2: 15

Truthfulness

“Truthfulness is a cornerstone in character, and if it be not firmly laid in youth, there will ever after be a weak spot in the foundation.” Jefferson Davis

“Truthfulness is aligning words and actions in accordance with facts. To state without omission or exaggeration.” Anon

‘Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’ John 14:6

Wisdom

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.” Reinhold Niebuhr

‘Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.’ Proverbs 19: 20

Thank you to all those that have taken the time to contribute to this booklet.

‘That they may have life,
life in all its fullness’

John 10:10



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