

Please use this prayer guide to pray daily for the schools of our city and for all those involved with them. There is not intended to be a link between the schools named and the prayer topic for that day.

“You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety.”

Job 11 v 18

Special Prayer Focus for 2008

HOPE and schools will be our special focus for 2008 as the nationwide church initiative **HOPE 08** provides an excellent opportunity for churches to serve their local schools.

Seasonal Prayer Focus

Pray for children starting school for the first time and parents as they adjust to this.

Prayer Fellowship for Teachers and Support Staff

January 29 and 31, March 11 and 13

Overseas Focus

Pray for schools and education in developing countries - and especially in countries where there is current unrest such as Pakistan and Kenya.

Key to A – Z of Schools:

N Nursery	CE Church of England
I Infant	RC Roman Catholic
J Junior	Indep Independent
NI Nursery Infant	
NIJ Nursery Infant Junior	
IJ Infant Junior	
Sec Secondary	Prep Preparatory
Snr Senior	Spec Special

1. EARLY YEARS EDUCATION Pray for children starting nursery or pre-school this term and for all those who care for them.

(Abbeydale Grange Sec / Abbey Lane IJ)

2. SUPPORT SERVICES Pray for the Special Educational Needs Section of the Local Authority which seeks to help children with particularly complex needs.

(Abbeydale NIJ / Acres Hill NIJ)

3. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES Pray for wisdom and integrity in all decisions about finance, staffing and the curriculum.

(All Saints RC Sec / Angram Bank NIJ)

4. CHURCH-SCHOOL LINKS Pray that churches will use the HOPE 08 initiative to bring hope to their local school communities through appropriate acts of service.

(Anns Grove NIJ / Arbourthorne NIJ)

5. SCHOOL ETHOS Pray for peace and well-being in all our schools, especially where discipline is a constant struggle.

(Ashdell Prep / Athelstan IJ / Ballifield NIJ)

6. YOUTH AND SCHOOLS WORKERS

Give thanks for all these workers around the city—and for some exciting and innovative work with their local schools.

(Bankwood IJ / Beck NIJ / Beighton NI)

7. SCHOOL PREMISES Pray for safety around school premises especially where building work or renovation continues.

(Bents Green Sec Spec / Bethany Christian)

8. CHRISTIANS AND SHEFFIELD

SCHOOLS (CaSS) Pray for the coffee/prayer morning on March 8 and give thanks for all who support the work of CaSS.

(Birkdale Prep / Birkdale Snr)

9. CHRISTIAN UNION GROUPS Pray that these school groups will use HOPE 08 to offer acts of kindness to staff and young people around their schools.

(Birley N / Birley IJ)

10. TEACHERS Ask for God's protection on all teachers as many struggle with ill health during the gloomy winter months.

(Birley Sec / Birley Spa NIJ)

11. RELATIONSHIPS Pray for good communication and understanding between senior management and staff in all schools.

(Bradfield Dungworth IJ / Bradfield Sec)

12. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Pray for any schools planning music or drama productions this term.

(Brantwood Indep / Brightside NI)

13. PARENTS / CARERS / GUARDIANS

Pray for grandparents bringing up children or acting as child minders, taking them to and from school on a regular basis.

(Brook House J / Broomhall N)

14. SCHOOL VISITS / EVENTS

Pray for safety and common sense for those involved with any winter sports activities at home or abroad.

(Broomhill I / Brunswick NIJ)

15. CHRISTIAN TEACHERS Ask God to give them hope for the new term and to remind them day by day that their hope is in Christ alone.

(Busk Meadow NI / Byron Wood NIJ)

16. SCHOOL PRAYER GROUPS Pray that during Hope 08 God will inspire many more people to set up prayer groups for local schools where there aren't any.

(Carfield NIJ / Carter Knowle J)

17. NEW OFSTED INSPECTIONS Continue to pray for a number of schools who are due inspections in the coming weeks.

(Charnock Hall IJ / Chaucer Sec)

18. SCHOOL BUDGETS Pray for schools which struggle to handle their finances or need better financial accountability.

(City Sec / Clifford CE I)

19. CURRICULUM Pray for any new staff this term adjusting to different curriculum

material or resources.

(Coit IJ / Concord J)

20. POST 16 PROVISION Pray for any young people who have changed their college courses this term for whatever reason.

(Deepcar St. John's CE J / Dobcroft I)

21. VOLUNTARY HELPERS Give thanks for church members who regularly help with reading in primary and secondary schools.

(Dobcroft J / Dore IJ)

22. NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Pray that these teachers will feel more relaxed and confident after their first term in teaching—and will be valued in their school

(East Hill Sec Spec / Ecclesall I)

23. NATIONAL BODIES Pray for Scripture Union's brand new online Bible resource 'WordLive' that it will encourage the younger generation in particular to meet God daily through the Bible.

(Ecclesall CE J / Ecclesfield IJ)

24. SUPPORT STAFF Pray for schools where there may be a shortage of suitably qualified people to take on these vital roles.

(Ecclesfield Sec / Emmanuel J CE / Meth)

25. CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE Pray that those not already involved with other Christians in their schools will use the HOPE 08 initiative to link up with them.

(Emmaus CE / RC NIJ / Firth Park Sec)

26. SENIOR MANAGEMENT Pray for schools in the process of appointing new headteachers or senior staff this term.

(Firs Hill NIJ / Fir Vale Sec)

27. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTORATE (CYPD) (formerly the LEA)

Pray for those in authority responsible for the welfare and education of all our children

(Fox Hill NIJ / Gleadless NIJ)

28. RESOURCES Pray for schools in many countries who have little or no resources to help educate their children.

(Greengate Lane NIJ / Greenhill IJ)

29. SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN Pray for children with multiple special needs and for those who care for them at home & school.

(Greenlands NI / Greenlands J)

30. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Pray for children and young people who feel they have no hope for the future—and those who struggle with life and school.

(Grenoside IJ / Greystones IJ)

31. MISCELLANEOUS Take this opportunity to thank God for the good things in your local schools—and to intercede for any particular needs or concerns there.

(Halfway I / Halfway J)

AND FINALLY ...

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15 v 13

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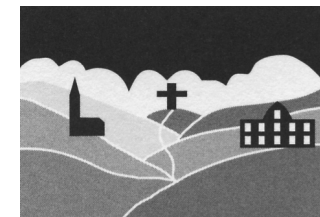
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