

### **Praying through Scripture**

Using Scripture as a basis for our prayers can be very helpful. You can use the following scriptures and suggested prayers as a starting point as you come together to pray for your local schools.

#### **LIVING STONES: 1 Peter 2.4**

As you come to Him, the living stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood .....

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you that you are God's Son – although you were rejected by men you are precious to your Father. We ask you to continue your work of transforming our young people to be like you – a holy priesthood for your service. Amen*

#### **KNOWING GOD'S LOVE: Ephesians 3.16 – 19 (adapted)**

I (We) pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you (*the children*) with power through His Spirit in your (*their*) inner being so that Christ may dwell in your (*their*) hearts through faith. And I (*we*) pray that you (*they*) being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you (*they*) may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Amen

#### **HEALING: Philippians 4. 8-9**

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*Dear Lord,*

*We pray that our children will have opportunities to meet with you during their school day through their teachers and staff. We thank you for being able to learn about you through lessons and assemblies and we pray for more opportunities for them to hear about you so that they can understand you better and love you more and reflect you in their lives.*

*Amen*