

Lanarkshire child prays in classroom

Brian Lowrie, Director and founder of MAD Ministries (www.madinscotland.com), works in various schools across Lanarkshire. One day recently there was an unusually positive response, which he shares here:

"As part of MAD Ministries schools work we stage a Bible Wonderland exhibition around various schools and churches. After the children see the exhibition they receive a presentation from MAD Ministries and during one of these I showed a *Max Lucado* DVD clip with children praying all different kinds of prayers.

When one group returned to school, one of the girls in the class asked if she could pray. The teacher said 'yes'. After she

prayed, other children wanted to pray too! This lasted for 15 minutes, but had to be stopped as it was home time.



One of the little girls asked if the other children would ask their parents to pray with them that night and ask God to take care of her lost dog.

The next day, many of the children said their mums and dads prayed with them that night.

The girl asked if she could address the class and thanked them all for praying for her.

Praise God for his Spirit at work in these young lives. This was a spontaneous praying prompted by the Holy Spirit and not the teacher.

Surely out of the mouths of infants God has ordained praise!"

But you, O Lord, sit enthroned for ever; your renown endures through all generations.
Psalm 102:12

A prayer for your school

"And the child grew and became strong, he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." Luke 2:40

Heavenly Father, I pray for the children at (insert school). I praise you that they are fearfully and wonderfully made, all different, with their own personalities, gifts and talents. Help each one to grow up strong in body and mind. Enable them to develop new skills and talents in sport, music and art, gaining in confidence and contributing to society.

I pray for those who are physically weaker. Please help them, and all who care

for them. Help them to grow in self-esteem, finding what they are good at, and feeling loved and valued.

I pray for pupils to be filled with wisdom. Help them to be effective learners, focussed and engaged in class. Please help teachers who struggle with bad behaviour and disaffected pupils. Enable them to discipline, encourage and motivate, teaching not just the curriculum, but wisdom for life. Help them to love the unlovely, spotting potential.

Make pupils wise in the choices they make, spurning bad habits. Help them to

resist peer pressure and stand firm. Protect all those who follow you. Make them bold, Lord!

I pray for your grace to be upon (insert school name). May your blessing be on its pupils, staff and building. Make it a special place, Lord, where your name is honoured and where young people learn respect for others.

Bring your peace, love and presence to everything that is done there. Enable Christian pupils and teachers to shine like lights in the darkness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

New schools registered for prayer



Welcome to those who recently registered schools prayer. The following schools have been **added** to the existing list of prayed-for schools since **September 2011**:

Aberdeenshire: Ardallie PS, Arnage PS, Auchterellon PS, Balmedie PS, Boddam PS*, Buchanhaven PS, Burnhaven PS, Clerkhill PS, Dales Park PS, Ellon PS, Ellon Academy, Foveran PS, Hatton (Cruden) PS, Longhaven PS, Meethill PS, Meiklemill PS, Newburgh Mathers PS, Peterhead Central PS, Port Errol PS, St Fergus PS, Slains PS, Tippetry PS, Torphins PS

Argyll & Bute: Colgrain PS

Clackmannanshire: Alva PS

Dumfries & Galloway:

Springfield PS

Edinburgh: Stockbridge PS

Falkirk: Carronshore PS, Kinnaird PS, Stenhousemuir PS

Glasgow: Chirnside PS, Oakgrove PS, St Francis PS

North Lanarkshire:

Calderhead High, Castlehill PS, Dykehead PS, Stane PS, St Patrick's (Shotts) PS

Renfrewshire: Mary Russell School

South Lanarkshire:

Carstairs Junction PS, Libberton PS

West Lothian: Carmondean PS, Murrayfield PS, St John Ogilvie RC PS

Online help with schools prayer

A list to help guide your prayers for schools

<http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/missionstudies/publiceducation/prayforschools/>

A prayer for school blessing

<http://2heartsnetwork.org/school.htm>

A prayer for schools and teachers

www.peopleoffaith.com/prayer-school-teachers.htm

Brief daily prayers

<http://blog.beliefnet.com/prayerplainandsimple/2009/09/prayers-for-our-childrens-education.html>

A daily prayer for school children

<http://www.churchyear.net/prayer/prayerforschoolchildren.html>

A prayer for teachers to pray

<http://www.churchyear.net/prayer/prayerforteachers.html>

A teacher's prayer and prayer for troubled children

<http://www.prayers-for-special-help.com/Prayers-for-Teachers.html#axzz1h4lUzXzC>

To buy: children's prayer cards/Scripture cards

<http://www.kidsprayer.com/product-sales/product-kids-prayer-guides/>

www.suscotland.org.uk/equippedtotransform

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