



Ideas for prayer groups, churches, and home intercessors- adapted for lockdown

♥ Pray

Meet online with like-minded people and pray for your school; weekly, monthly, half termly. Find a date, time and a place that works well for everyone. Link with other Christians and prayer groups and suggest they focus on schools and young people in February/March.

Ask teachers or staff if they have any prayer requests. Email teachers or phone.

Pray and encourage all those you know who work in schools. What classes in which schools are represented by children and adults in your church?

Pray for senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and the whole school community, for the children and young people as they continue to cope with the effects of Covid-19

Pray for parents and carers.

Pray for children and young people especially those missing their friends.

Remember young carers that they will be supported and have time to relax. Pray too that those with special needs will be able to cope with the many changes affecting their lives at home and school.

Perhaps put some of these prayer ideas in your church or schools work organisation newsletter or bulletin.

♥ Thank

Say thank you to a teacher or other member of staff - download our thank you card from the website or make your own. Personalise it with thank you comments from others in your group.

Give a gift: Bring a smile to teachers at coffee time.

Involve your church/prayer group to help and put together a "care package" of small gifts to deliver to a staff room. Eg soap or hand cream. Ask for a donation from church, be creative yourself and ask talented friends to create simple items. Wrap individually for each teacher and ideally label.

We know of prayer groups who have given flowers or plants; cakes, biscuits, or chocolates; and even stationery gift pack with coloured pens, paper, sticky tape, and glue sticks.

You may like to contact local business and see if they are willing to donate.

Ask your school secretary or headteacher or the PTA if the school needs anything.

Remember Covid-19 guidelines and put gifts in a paper bag.

♥ Offer to help.

Could you help a parent with home schooling?

Grandparents: Give the parents a break and spend time with your grandchildren virtually:

Playing an educational game or reading a book, helping with a school subject or maybe "show and tell" an object special to you. All these can be done on-line

Donate an old laptop and help a child with home learning

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5SqHJMTKZx5sYhltXJvB1Q/give-a-laptop>

Some ideas to think and pray about for the future post Covid-19:

Get involved with the PTA

Helping the school start something "Green"

Recycling, using less plastic

Helping create an outside nature area or help in the school grounds.

Planting seeds or bulbs or even trees! - See <https://www.plantbritain.co.uk/>

Offering to help pick up litter

Reading with children or helping in the classroom or joining an Open the Book team.

Check the List of Volunteer Opportunities on our website. Maybe you can help on a regular basis.

<https://www.prayforschools.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>