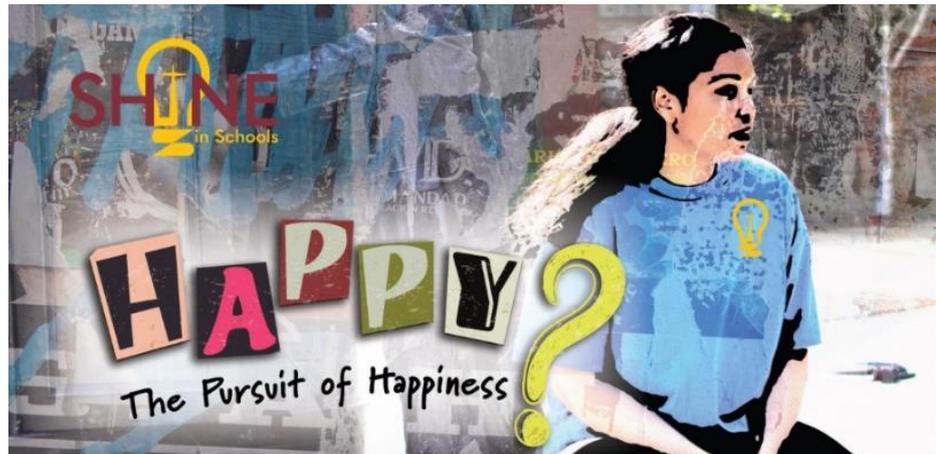




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For Pray Day during November we'll be praying for Christian students in their schools.

Scripture Union's brilliant 'Shine in Schools' resource www.su.org.uk/shine will be used by young people right across the UK and Ireland.

Shine aims to equip them to live for God in school and help others to explore Christian faith.

The theme is finding true happiness in Jesus.

Please pray for them and other young Christians who will be praying for their schools

Here's part of Jesus' teaching in **The Beatitudes** about what true happiness is

Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy.

God will fully satisfy them.

Those who give mercy to others are happy.

Mercy will be given to them.

Those who are pure in their thinking are happy.

They will be with God.

Those who work to bring peace are happy.

God will call them his sons and daughters.

(Matthew 5:6-9 International Children's Bible)

These 'Be-' or 'Beautiful-' Attitudes can be costly.

They mean saying no to what we may want and they can result in others rejecting us. But happiness that can never last is worth nothing compared with being adopted into God's family and the wonderful promises of Jesus for those who come to Him.

Lord Jesus, please send Your Holy Spirit to help us to do what is right, to be forgiving and kind, not give in to bad thoughts and try to bring true peace. Thank You that even when we feel sadness and pain and when we don't succeed we can always depend on Your wonderful love. Amen.



We hope the following prayers and the reminder of Psalm 1:1-3 will be helpful as you remember young Christian students in their schools

Faith and witness

Heavenly Father, thank You for young people in our churches and the youth leaders schools workers and chaplains who encourage them in their walk with Jesus. Give them the opportunities and gentle boldness they need to share their faith with others at school and to 'walk the talk' well. Amen.

Mental health concerns

Lord, we lift to You anyone who is struggling with their mental health: living with depression, coping with problems at home or with friends, battling with eating disorders and other challenges. Deliver them we pray through Your healing power and the support of others. Amen.

Educational challenges

Lord of all wisdom and knowledge, please send help to students who have fallen behind because of Covid, a specific learning difficulty, emotional pressures or difficult relationships in school and at home. Grant hope and success as these young people find the will and energy to try their best and rescue them when they fail. Amen.

Fulfilment now and in the future

Merciful God, we ask for these young people to have opportunities and inspiration to discover what You have placed within them – creativity, leadership, caring hearts, special skills and passions – and grow and flourish. We pray for your light and love to shine upon children who are unable to thrive in this way. Amen.

Security and guidance

Jesus our Saviour, please help all who work with young people who are in trouble through their unwise choices: using drugs and alcohol, caught up in harmful online activity, involved in gangs and other difficult situations. We pray for freedom to turn away and seek what is good for their lives, now and in the future. Amen.



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PSALM 1:1-3 GNT

Happy

are those who reject
the advice of evil people,
who do not follow the example
of sinners or join those who have
no use for God.

Instead,
they find joy
in obeying the Law of the Lord,
and they study it day and night.
They are like trees

that grow beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right time,
and whose leaves do not dry up.

They succeed in all they do.