**Ideas for your ‘Pray for our Schools’ invitation letter.**

1. **Who will you invite?**
* Heads and other school leaders,
* Teachers, teaching assistants,
* Other school staff
* Governors, parents, young people,
* Local church leaders, youth and schools workers, chaplains, youth organisation teams,
* Local councillors
* … and anyone with a heart for prayer (ask Pray for Schools if there are prayer groups).
1. **Who will you ask to contribute?**
* Worship leader/band – preferably including young people
* Christians working in schools
* Representatives of youth/schoolwork organisations
* Local church leader (eg someone attached to a church school)
* Someone inspiring to bring short word encouraging prayer.
1. **What points go in the email/letter?**
* Everyone is welcome – please bring others
* Date, time, venue details (including parking)
* Offer refreshments
* Aim of the evening (bring Christians together to pray for all your local schools and everyone who attends and works in them)
* Content of evening (worship, prayer activities, encouraging testimonies, opportunity to share with others.)

Dear \_\_\_\_

We know you have a heart for prayer and for the children and young people in our area. We would like to invite you to come with friends from church for a special evening on (details) of encouragement when we will focus our prayers for all our local schools.

Our worship will be led by \_\_\_, there will be contributions from \_\_\_\_\_ and our speaker will be \_\_\_\_\_. Don’t miss this opportunity! We are all aware of the pressures on both children and staff in our schools at this time and the more of us who can gather to pray the better!

We will be serving tea, coffee and cake from \_\_ onwards and hope to see you if you can possibly make it!

Please tell others about this event and let \_\_\_\_ know if you have any questions or would be willing to help on the night.

God bless you!