

Prayers for Chaplains

Bible verse.

Isaiah 33 verse 6 NIV 'He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.'

Pray with thanksgiving, remembering God's goodness and faithfulness in answering in the past.

Please bring the following needs to God in prayer

School chaplaincy is a distinctive and vital ministry in our schools. School chaplains work in a range of schools from those that belong to faith groups, to schools that have little formal contact with a faith organisation. A school chaplain's responsibilities will vary, but the vast majority are responsible for guiding the spiritual and moral development of pupils and staff. "Modern chaplaincy does not simply happen in the chapel for 15 minutes a day," says Chris Wheeler, principal of Monkton Combe School. "Rather, it permeates every part of school life." Many schools will expect their chaplains to be heavily involved in pastoral care.

Prayer pointers

- For good communication and understanding with the staff and governors in this unique role in schools, and to build trusting relationships.
- For chaplains to be rooted in God, in prayer, to sustain their faith, to be fully present, to listen carefully and respond wisely to the children.
- For continued good relationships with schools, that existing chaplaincies would grow, and that more schools might be open to exploring chaplaincy.
- That schools would be open to the huge impact which chaplaincy can have in school communities.
- For chaplains to be inspired each day and to be a peaceful presence in an often-chaotic environment. As exams draw closer, and the day to day of teenage years throw all sorts of challenges our way, pray that chaplains can be, and will bring, shalom in their communities.
- For chaplains to listen to all that is said and unsaid, and to be able to provide comfort, speak truth, and allow young people to feel safe and heard.

Prayer

Father God thank you for school chaplains in our schools across the UK. Please give them peace and help them to bring shalom in the communities they serve. Help them to form authentic relationships, drawing out the spirituality that is deep-rooted in every child, having eyes open and antennae alert to care when people are at their lowest. Help them to foster good relationships with all people in the school irrespective of background or role. Amen

Young person's prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the lady who comes into school and talks to me about my mental health. She is so nice and understands me so much more than my teachers. They seem to think that you must only have mental health problems if you're crying all day. Most of the time other people can't tell when things are hard, except for my close friends. But I feel as if I can tell her about stuff and she won't judge me like other people do. It's good to know that I do have someone I can talk to. Amen