

Prayers for additional support needs.

Bible verse. Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

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

Additional support needs

Additional support needs can be both long- and short-term or can simply refer to the help a child or young person needs in getting through a difficult period. Additional support needs can be due to disability or health, learning environment, family circumstances, difficulty in controlling behaviour, missing school because of an illness or long-term condition, having a physical disability, being a young carer, communication difficulties, being particularly able, changing school a lot, being looked after or in care.

Prayer pointers

- Pray for children and young people with additional support needs that they have the right support when they need it.
- Pray for peace for children and young people and their families especially when they are struggling.
- Pray for teachers and schools to identify those children and families who have additional support needs.
- Pray for headteachers to make additional support needs a priority.
- Pray for better support for those with additional needs.
- Pray for all those who provide support such as teaching assistants, the special educational needs coordinators (SENCO) in schools.

A Prayer

Thank you, Father, that you are our provider. Please provide for the children and young people in our schools who need extra support to fulfil their potential and to do their best. Please help teachers and staff to identify those students in need and help them to provide the right support. Please help head teachers ensure that all students have access to extra support when they need it to fulfil their potential. Amen

Young people's prayers

Dear God, I am thankful for the man that helps and supports me in my lessons. He explains things to me, so they are more clear, he gives me more time to do things, he helps me to focus and lets me take breaks when I need them, and he gives me easier work to do. He is very kind and I think I would find school a lot more difficult without him. Amen

Dear God, I pray that you would help me in the lessons where I find it hard to understand the subject and what I need to do. I get distracted a lot and a lot of what the teacher is saying doesn't make sense. I wish I had more support sometimes. I pray you would help me understand science and the way it works more. Amen