

Prayers for children and young people experiencing tech or digital poverty.

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.

Please bring the following needs to God in prayer

What is digital poverty? As outlined by the Digital Poverty Alliance, digital poverty is "the inability to interact with the online world fully, when where and how an individual needs to". Why is it important children have access to digital devices and the internet? More and more educational resources are provided online and so it is important for children to access these to fulfil their potential as well as be better equipped as adults for their working lives. Some children from disadvantaged families are missing these opportunities for a better education. They may have parents who are on low wages, benefits or disability allowances which provide limited finances. Some parents may only be able to provide one digital device per household, with many having no devices at all. This has an impact on students' opportunities to conduct their studies and homework outside of the school environment which can put poorer children at a disadvantage.

Prayer pointers

- Pray for teachers and schools to identify those children and families who are struggling with digital poverty.
- Pray for headteachers to make digital inclusion a priority for all students.
- Pray for government to provide the resources for schools to ensure better digital provision for all students.
- Pray for charities and organisations enabling more students to have digital devices including laptops, tablets etc.

A Prayer

Thank you, Father, that you are our provider. Thank you, Father, that throughout the bible and through our lives you have demonstrated that you provide for our needs. Please provide for children and young people in our schools who need equipment and resources 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 resources and support. Please help head teachers ensure that all students have access to digital resources such as laptops and tablets and ensure digital inclusion for all students.

Amen

Young person's prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for my school. For my friends, my teachers, the people who come in and help us outside of lessons, the football pitch, the iPads, the room I can go to at lunchtime or when I need some space, and the day when I have any double lessons!

Amen