

Prayers for school finances.

Bible verse.

Psalms 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

'Schools in England face funding crisis as costs soar', 'National Association of Head Teachers has released the findings of its latest funding survey, revealing the desperate cuts schools are having to make in the face of rising costs and government underfunding'. 'The Institute of Fiscal Studies estimated that spend per pupil in 2024-25 is expected to be 3% lower than in 2010'. These are just some of the headlines in newspapers. With so many pressures from different angles on school budgets times are tough for schools. In the largest survey of school leaders ever taken, more than 11,000 school leaders in England responded with many schools reporting that they will have to make redundancies next year. Two thirds (66%) say they will have to make teaching assistants redundant or reduce their hours. Half (50%) say they are looking at reducing the number of teachers or teaching hours. As well as rising energy costs, many schools are trying to go the extra mile providing pupils from disadvantaged families with opportunities to wash school uniforms, breakfast clubs, food parcels etc.

Prayer pointers

- Pray for head teachers and school finance managers as they juggle pressures on their budgets.
- Pray for headteachers to make provision for families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.
- Pray for government to provide schools with finances that they need.
- Pray for peace for teachers during this turbulent time especially if their school is making redundancies.

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 the finances that schools need for students to fulfil their potential. Please help teachers and staff to identify those students in need and help them to provide resources and support. Please give teachers and staff peace during these turbulent times. Please help churches to reach out and provide support to schools in whatever ways they can. Amen

Young person's prayer

Dear God, pray for the people who run my school. I pray for my Headteacher, the school governors, the teachers, and for the academy trust my school is in. Help them all to make good decisions about what to spend money on, what the school day should look like, how to help the students better, and how to take the pressure off our mental health. Amen