

Prayers for college and sixth forms

Bible verse.

Matthew 5:14-16 - 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Pray with expectancy to the God who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

Please bring the following needs to God in prayer

There are currently around 1.7 million students in Further Education in the UK. Around 74% of which are 16–18-year-olds. Some of these young people are working towards A Level qualifications in a Sixth Form setting. Others are training in a vocation (either full or part time) through a Further Education college. Living for Jesus at college or sixth form can be challenging, but many students, staff and chaplains are seeking to 'let their light shine' where God has placed them. God is doing wonderful things through tiny Christian Unions (often 2-5 strong), through rich friendships (with peers or colleagues) and currently, many unchurched young people are searching for hope and help as they navigate a tricky world.

Prayer pointers

- For Christian Unions (though small in number) to have a strong sense that God is with them, that He is going before them and that He is at work in them! Pray that CUs would be built around unity and mission.
- For believing students to know their identity as children of God. That they would be filled with Heavenly strength, wisdom and courage. Pray they would 'let their light shine' and have the joy of seeing friends come to know Jesus personally. Lift up those who are the only believer where they study.
- For Christian chaplaincies in colleges, for opportunity and favour. That the Holy Spirit would empower chaplains to provide excellent and godly pastoral care. Pray for trust and good relationships to be built with senior management teams.
- For Christian Staff, that they would know the deep love and care of their own Heavenly Father as they work hard in an under-resourced and under-funded sector. That the love of Jesus would shape their character and content in the staff room and classroom.
- For this generation of young people who statistics show is suffering a mental health crisis like nothing we have seen in previous generations. Pray for God to move, to heal, to restore and do something amazing in this generation.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you so much that you care deeply for students and staff in Further Education. Thank you, Father, that you are at work – even when we can't see it. Lord, we lift to you every college, school and sixth form in this land. We long to see your Kingdom come. We pray for every believer that you have in these places. Whether they be students, apprentices, admin staff, cleaners or teachers. Lord, we pray that they may let their light shine where they are. Would you draw them close to yourself and from an overflow of a walk with you – would they radiate the love of Jesus, through their words and actions. Would people who are currently far away come to know you through these children of God. Amen.

Amen

Young person's prayer

Dear Father,

Thank you that you love me and can use me, no matter how young I am or how nervous I feel.

Thank you that you have placed me where I study, would I shine there with you. Father, would you lift any stress about exams or my course from me. Would I know the good plans that you have for me. Please be at work in my friends and do amazing things to show them you are real! Give me the right words to say at the right moments. And would I know that you are with me, always. Amen.