



# Prayers

*August 2015*

## **2 August**

*A prayer based on Zephaniah 8.4-5, 8*

Loving God, who promises to be faithful and righteous,  
Help us to make real your vision for all young people,  
so that they are valued for who they are,  
not who they will be,  
so that they are encouraged and supported,  
not abused or neglected,  
listened to and challenged,  
not ignored or stifled,  
free to play safely  
not forced to grow up before their time.

Loving God, wise parent to us all,  
Inspire us to be people who  
let the young play,  
encourage them to grow,  
and enable them to flourish,  
in communities of faithful people,  
sharing wisdom and joy.  
Amen.



## **9 August**

Today we pray for young people in our community.

Those we know, those we've seen in the area and those we've not met.

Thank you, God that you know them by name.

You know their lives, their loves and hates,  
their joys and their despair.

Help us to serve them well,  
to demonstrate your love and acceptance,  
to welcome them in.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## **16 August**

*A prayer based on John 6.35,41-51*

Jesus, bread of life,

Feed our bodies, as you provide for our physical needs.

Help us to see how to be part of answering that prayer for others.

Jesus, bread of life,

Feed our hearts, as we interact with the community around us.

Help us to see your face in the faces of others.



Jesus, bread of life,  
Feed our minds, as we read your word.  
Help us to understand who you are.

Jesus, bread of life,  
Feed our spirits, as we spend time with you.  
Help us to remain in your love

## **23 August**

*A prayer using Psalm 84.12 as a response.*

Lord of all, we pray for young people today.  
When they are faced with big decisions about their future,  
With options for study or work.  
Lord, show them guidance.

**Lord almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

Thank you for safe homes for young people,  
Places where they'll be safe, loved and nurtured.  
We pray for those whose accommodation is less certain  
Lord, keep them safe.

**Lord almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

Thank you for loving families where young people are raised,  
Good role models in parents and others around.  
We pray for those who don't have such a great relationship with their families.  
Show them your parental love.

**Lord almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**



## **30 August**

*Invite people to contribute to fill the gaps in this prayer.*

This week, children and young people are preparing to return to schools and colleges.

We thank you, God, for the holidays. For...

*[invite people to suggest things they're thankful for]*

We thank God for our schools and colleges. For...

*[invite people to suggest things they're thankful for]*

We pray for the term ahead. God help us to...

*[invite people to suggest things they'd like God to help with this term]*

Loving God, be in our schools and colleges, our study and our play.