

Compassionate God,

We pray for the safety of all children. Thank you for those who shoulder and share this responsibility, for every check that is made and each concern that is followed up. We pray that our schools can be places of sanctuary and peace, where all feel loved, cared for and safe. Amen.

Father God,

We pray for all of the relationships in our schools – those that are easy and those that are more challenging. Help us to understand one another better each day, so that we can all be part of a true community that is stronger together. Amen.

Holy Spirit,

We give thanks for the many wonderful opportunities in life that we didn't expect, for the unexpected joys that are found in learning new things. We give thanks for all who create life-changing opportunities for our young people to experience the 'life in all its fullness' that Jesus promised.

Living God,

You notice each one of us and care about all that we are. We give thanks for the uniqueness of every pupil and adult in school, their skills and talents, the things they enjoy, the worries they face. Help them to find direction and purpose in their living, loving and learning together, so that they can achieve all that you hope for them. Amen.

Lord Jesus,

We give thanks for the courage we find in our schools – to challenge injustice, to make difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions and sometimes, especially at the moment, in just making it through another day. Amen.

Loving God,

We pray for every worker in our school, whatever their role, those seen and those unseen. We give thanks for each one of them and for the faithfulness and resilience with which they serve. Amen.

Spirit of God,

We give you thanks for the many daily miracles that take place in our schools – each new moment of learning, each challenge overcome, each smile of encouragement. Help us to encourage each other as we journey together. Amen.

Lord God,

We celebrate the transformational power of education – each life changed for the better, each hope realised, each individual and community inspired and empowered to grasp a better future. Thank you for the Lent journey of our schools and for the opportunity to share it with them. Amen.

Thankyou...

We're delighted that there are so many parishes supporting our schools on their Rhythm of Life journeys, which began in Advent and continues with Lent and Easter.

The resources explore **praying, encouraging, sharing, reflecting, celebrating, resting and creating.**

Every Church school in our diocese has a named adviser from the Diocesan Education Team. If you'd like to find out how else you could develop ways of working with church and non-church schools, email us at info.ed@leeds.anglican.org

Rhythm of Life: Lent & Easter

**Opportunities to
support your
school's journey
through prayer**



Mondays

You might want to pray for:

- The safety of all children
- Headteachers as they make decisions in challenging circumstances
- Governors and all those who give their time as volunteers
- Those learning at home and missing school

Tuesdays

You might want to pray for:

- Teachers juggling work in school and remote learning
- Vulnerable and key worker pupils
- The school curriculum and the wide range of opportunities schools offer
- The families who make each school community unique

Wednesdays

You might want to pray for:

- Teaching Assistants and learning mentors with their many skills in supporting learning
- Each pupil with their many joys and challenges
- School buildings

Thursdays

You might want to pray for:

- Lunch time supervisors and catering staff
- Those training to teach and those who train them
- The power of friendship

Fridays:

You might want to pray for:

- School administrators and support staff
- The mental health and wellbeing of all in school
- Support agencies who work with schools
- Your local schools by name

Saturdays:

You might want to pray for:

- Collective worship and times shared together as a school community.
- Our own stories of life and faith
- The school vision that inspires the day to day life of school
- All who need encouraging today

Sundays:

You might want to pray for:

- The relationships between schools and churches
- Clergy and all those who support schools in their spiritual life
- All those who are exhausted and in need of rest

“It is my passionate belief that Church Schools are a gift to our society – serving the common good and equipping every person to flourish in a challenging, uncertain world.”

Archbishop of Canterbury

If you prefer, here are some prayers you could use to pray for your schools:

Loving God,

We pray for every person in our schools, giving thanks for the light, life and joy they bring to our communities. Help us too, to reflect that same light of Christ to others.
Amen.

God to welcome,

Thank you for our schools as they offer a place of belonging and inclusion for all. Help us, like Jesus, to see the ultimate worth in everyone, that we can help all to find a place of true welcome.
Amen.

Spirit of God,

We ask for your spirit of wisdom and understanding for those who lead our schools and your guidance for the many decisions they face. We pray you will guide and support them, that they will know your presence with them, on this and every day.
Amen.

Lord of All,

We pray for all who struggle with learning. Grant them patience, perseverance and courage we pray. As we remember them today, we remember all who help to remove barriers to learning.
Amen.

Father God,

We pray for every family that makes up our school communities, for their joys and sorrows, for their hopes and dreams and for the gift of love that binds us all together.
Amen.