



# Supporting North Nibley C of E Primary School in prayer

In the Bible it says “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

We invite you to join with us in supporting the school in prayer on a regular basis. We have created 31 ‘daily’ prayers for those who like to be methodical – but do feel free to dip in and out, extemporise and go deeper as you feel led. And may God bless you for supporting us in this way.

1 <sup>st</sup>	We thank you, Father God, for the joy brought to school by each Reception child. Help us to learn from them, their sense of wonder and joy in the created world. Inspire us to provide our very best.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray that God would minister His peace to school administrators. Pray for wisdom and genuine insight as they prioritise the needs of each day.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Almighty God, we thank you for all local pre-school and nursery settings. May the learning opportunities they plan and their approach give children the very best start they need in preparation for primary school.
4 <sup>th</sup>	As adults and children join together in the daily act of Collective Worship, we ask that we would feel especially close to God. Inspire us and teach us. Help us to ‘be still, and know that you are God’.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ask God to encourage and strengthen the teachers at our school. May they teach with energy and enthusiasm. May they act with His grace and mercy. May they live out our school vision, having the highest expectations for each individual in their care.

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6 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, we thank you for our school cleaners, for their willingness to persevere with this unglamorous role. Bless them for their vital role in the smooth running of the school. May they find joy in their service.
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Bible teaches that we are all God's children. As Year 1 children develop their understanding of their own uniqueness, may they act with compassion and tolerance in their learning and their play.
8 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for our Governors; volunteers who invest their time and talents into the work of the school. Guide them in their decision making, we pray, and may they be effective in all that they do.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thank God for our school. Think of the millions of children across the world denied an education due to poverty, persecution, discrimination, disaster or violence. We pray that God will help our children, as they grow into adulthood, to be part of the solution to these problems.
10 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Secretary of State for Education, and for all those who shape national policy. May they understand the impact they have on individuals and only seek to change that which improves outcomes for all.
11 <sup>th</sup>	We thank you, Lord Jesus, for our Year 2 pupils. As they explore your world help them to share and care with increased confidence. May those who struggle with more formal learning strive to achieve their very best.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God for the Church of England's Diocesan Education officers. May they be equipped to support as well as challenge the school, through programmes of professional development and their inspection services.
13 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks for the Open the Book team, for their faithful service, creativity and sense of fun. May they grow too as they help us all to understand how God is revealed in scripture.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ask God to inspire our mid-day supervisors. Give them a true sense of purpose and joy as they carry out their work, we pray. May they understand how important they are in building relationships, developing play and keeping children safe. Amen.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Almighty God, draw near to our Head Teacher. Inspire him/her to strive for excellence across the school. Strengthen him/her during the busiest and most challenging of times. Maintain his/her motivation, to make the school and each individual the best that they can be. Amen.

16 <sup>th</sup>	As Year 3 make the transition to a 'Junior class' we pray that they would be able to manage the increased emphasis on independent learning and take responsibility for their time and possessions.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thank you for the opportunities we have to support charitable works, both locally and across the world. As the children discover their ability to effect change, may they learn to put others before themselves living lives of compassion and generosity. Amen.
18 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for Year 4 especially, that they would learn to manage their changing friendship groups with respect and kindness. May they in turn become good role models for others.
19 <sup>th</sup>	We remember with gratitude those 'ex-members of staff' who have moved on to fresh challenges, including retirement! For every positive act, kind deed and selfless endeavour, we give thanks.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lord we bring before you all children and young people who struggle with difficult childhoods. We acknowledge that many live in fear or distress and we pledge ourselves again to bring your light into dark places.
21 <sup>st</sup>	The Bible teaches that we are made in the image of God. As Year 5 children grow increasingly self-aware we pray against the negative influences of pixel-perfect media, celebrity culture and shallow materialism. Help us all to focus on the things that matter most.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	We pray for those who make decisions about the school's finances, at National and local level. May they understand both prudence and generosity. Give them the wisdom to know when each is appropriate.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We ask you to bless the oldest of our pupils. Help Year 6 to carry out their school responsibilities well. As they prepare for end-of-school tests and their transition to secondary, we ask you to hold them close and affirm their self-worth. Help them to believe that they are loved.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, bless our children's parents. Thank you for the work of FONNS, for the FUN in fundraising and the close relationships forged over time. Please help school staff and parents to work together in honest partnership, with the best of motives: the well-being of each child.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bless those in Year 7 and above. Help them to stand firm on the Christian values taught at North Nibley, to build positive and lasting relationships with new friends, and to face fresh opportunities with courage and hope.

26 <sup>th</sup>	As we learn more about the importance of mental health, we ask God to help us create a school that is safe and secure, with space to learn and grow and be the individual He intended us to be.
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27 <sup>th</sup>	Thank you God for the strong links that exist in our community, including St. Martin's, the Village Hall, the Music Festival, Nibley House and the various sporting and playing field committees. Help us all to be mindful of one another as we plan our activities. Encourage us to work with consideration and mutual support.
28 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for 'older leavers', many now adults, parents or grandparents themselves. May they remember with gratitude their time at North Nibley, and recall in times of need the love of God, as taught at this Church of England school.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Thank you, loving Father, for the turn of the Church Year: for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest. May we recognise in the midst of change your steadfast love, and find a reason to praise you every day. Amen.
30 <sup>th</sup>	We remember before God the work of the Tyndale Cluster of Schools (Coaley, Hillesley, Kingswood, North Nibley, Slimbridge and Stone-with-Woodford). We ask that He would lead us in cooperation as we support one another and plan activities which will benefit all our children.
31 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Our School Prayer:</p> <p>Dear God,</p> <p>Thank you that at North Nibley School we have a place where we can belong. We thank you for our friends, our homes and our families.</p> <p>As we learn how to live, we are sorry for the mistakes we make.</p> <p>Help us to remember that we are all special to you.</p> <p>Help us to treat others with care and compassion.</p> <p>Give us generous hearts, a forgiving nature, a respectful attitude and a hope for the future.</p> <p>Please bless our school, so that we might be a blessing to all who come through its doors.</p> <p>We ask in Jesus` name,</p> <p>Amen.</p>