Praying Together Resources
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Ideas for praying together around the theme of: “Education and Schools”

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1. Invite a Christian teacher(s) to come to the prayer group and share their experience of being a teacher in the school where they work. Ask them to bring along some issues for prayer.
   a. Pray for the teacher(s) that the Lord would continue to equip them through His Spirit with all that they need as they teach. Pray for the issues that they have mentioned.
   b. Pray for the school where they work….for the head teacher, other members of staff, for the children, governors etc.

2. Set up some laptops and together as a group explore the website of any Church of England schools in your parish.
   a. Lead a time of prayer around what is seen on the website. For example pray for the head-teacher and any issues that they write about on the home page.
   b. Look at any photos of the staff team and pray for them including the chaplain (if the school has one).
   c. Look at the school calendar or list of upcoming events and pray for them.
   d. Read about the children and pray for them that they would know that they are made in the image of God, special and loved, and that would have life changing encounters with Jesus.

3. Invite some older children to come and lead the prayer group in a time of prayer for their school.

4. Pray for the work of the Diocesan Board of Education.
   a. You could go on your Diocesan website and print out the photographs of the key people involved in the Diocesan Board of Education.
   b. Pray for each person that the Lord would continue to equip them and strengthen them as they serve Him.
   c. Pray for the church schools in your Diocese that:
      i. The children will know that they are uniquely valued.
      ii. A secure environment is provided in which children can learn.
      iii. A clearly established framework of values is created.
      iv. Christian community life is modelled.
      v. A curriculum and learning environment relevant to each child is provided.
      vi. Strong and effective partnerships with parents, the community and the local parish are built.

5. Place a Bible in the centre of the prayer group.
   a. Spend some time meditating on 2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
   b. Thank the Lord for giving us a “manual for life-long learning.”
   c. Invite people to share something that they have learnt from the Bible. It doesn’t matter how simple it is.
   d. Pray for a hunger to grow in each person for God’s Word.