

Anglican Schools Commission 40th Anniversary Eucharist

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Thank you for guiding the work of the Anglican Schools Commission over the past forty years.

Thank you for inspiring the visionary spirits and the practical achievers who have made great teaching and great learning possible.

Keep on teaching us humility, courage, playfulness and creativity.

Make us trustworthy messengers of wisdom in changing times.

Christ our Teacher, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for everything good that is taught and learned in classrooms, libraries, gardens and sports fields, in laboratories, art rooms, workshops and playgrounds.

Keep teaching us through deep questions, curious explorations, trusting relationships, and the dance of mutual learning with your Holy Spirit.

Christ our Teacher, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the blessings of our diversity:

for all the languages and cultures,

the learning styles and family patterns, the physical and mental abilities of the people who play, work, study and pray with us.

Keep teaching us the wideness of your love,

so that every member of every school community will know that they are counted in by you, and belong with us.

Christ our Teacher, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the gift of Christian faith,

and for the chaplains and other Christian leaders

who tend that flame of faith in the heart of our schools.

Keep teaching us that every chapel service, prayer and lesson,

each conversation and pastoral encounter, matters in your eyes,

and offers a moment of grace that can change a life.

Christ our Teacher, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for calling our school system and each one of us

to be messengers of hope and workers for justice in the world.

Keep teaching us to see with your eyes, Lord Jesus,

our neighbours who are struggling.

Keep teaching us to listen carefully,

serve sacrificially, and grow in compassion.

Christ our Teacher, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the wise teachers
and passionate scholars of generations past,
and for the gifts of those who have died,
especially the pioneers and benefactors of our schools.
Bring us, with them, Lord Jesus Christ, into the joy of your resurrection,
where at last we will know you fully,
just as you have always known us.

Christ our Teacher, **hear our prayer.**

The deacon concludes the prayers

Holy God, your deep desire is for us to flourish:
**hear our prayers, and provide for us
from the abundance of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**