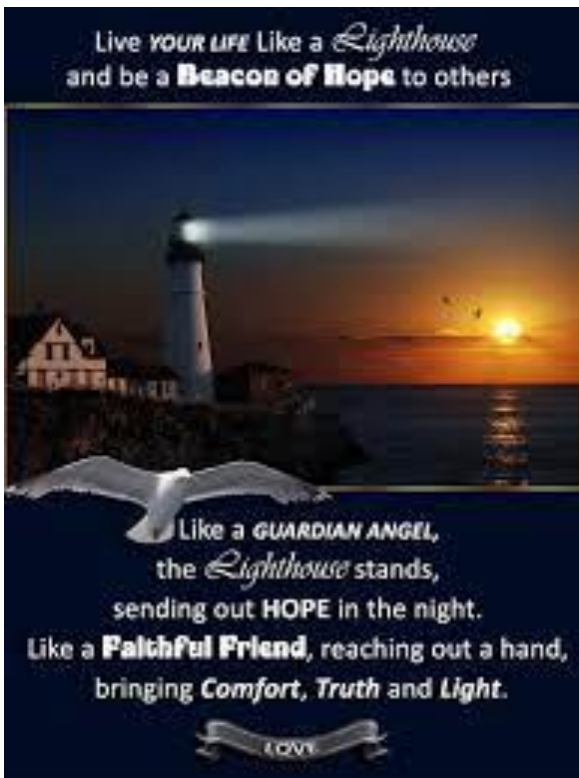




## Daily Prayer at Wybunbury Delves

Prayer lies at the heart of life for most people of faith. Within Christianity, life is lived in relationship with God and prayer is a way of seeking to deepen that relationship and to follow the way that Jesus taught. Church schools attempt to give children an invitational experience of faith and prayer is therefore an important aspect of this. Children in Church schools are invited to pray as a way of encountering God and coming to a greater sense of purpose in their lives.

For us at Wybunbury Delves, Prayer is an important part of our Church School life and daily rhythms and routines. There is the opportunity for prayer at four times across the day and within classrooms and around school there are further opportunities for our community to engage in Prayer.



⌘ At the **beginning of our day** ~ the Lighthouse is lit in each classroom by our Guardian Angel for the week. We say:  
⌘ As we light the lighthouse, we ask God to light the SPARK for a love of learning and of life.  
⌘ A morning prayer to be read – see suggestions or it can be spontaneous from a member of the class community.

⌘ As we finish our morning for **lunchtime** ~ a blessing connected to food is said together or read by a member of our community – see suggestions or it can be spontaneous from a member of the class community.

⌘ **After lunch** ~ Prayer is a part of our worship time

⌘ **End of the day** ~ the Lighthouse light is turned out.  
⌘ Although the light goes out, we carry God's light in each and everyone one of us. Please think about something you have SHONE at today.  
⌘ An end of day prayer to be read – see suggestions or it can be spontaneous from a member of the class community.

Time and space needs to be given to facilitate and support prayer in our school. Prayer spaces work best when they become part of the daily spiritual and pastoral life of our school, part of an ongoing rhythm of involvement in worship, lessons and school activities. Prayer spaces or opportunities for prayer can be specially created for a particular event or time, although Our reflection areas have the continual opportunity for prayer and a central prayer box is outside the Head's Office.



Opportunities for prayer and reflection are central to our collective worship. Prayer in worship can take many forms. It can be collective, personal, formal, created by the children themselves, silent, meditational, sung or spoken.



## Prayers we use in Worship

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### **Our School Prayer**

O Jesus,  
Friend of the friendless, healer of the sick  
Whose life was spent in doing good,  
Help us to follow in thy footsteps.  
Make us strong to do right,  
Gentle with the weak and  
Kind to all who are in sorrow,  
That we may be like thee,  
Our Lord and maker,  
Amen

### **Our School Aims Prayer**

Dear Lord  
Help us to know Jesus, light of the world.  
Help our school to be the guiding light  
on the path of each child's learning journey.  
Help our teachers to light the spark for a  
love of learning and of life.  
Help our children to become leading lights  
in our community and our world.  
Help every child to shine.  
Amen

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### **The Lord's Prayer**



Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for  
ever and ever.  
Amen.

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### **The Grace**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,  
now and evermore.  
Amen.

## Morning Prayer Examples

<p>I am in your hands Lord, Be with me in in all I do, in all I think, in all I say I ask these things in Jesus Christ's name, Amen</p> 	<p>Today is a new day Father we thank you for the night, And for the pleasant morning light. For rest and food and loving care, And all that makes the day so fair. Help us do the things we should, To be to others kind and good. In all we do, in all we say, To follow Jesus every day. Amen</p> 
<p>Dear Lord I give you my hands to do your work; I give you my feet to go your way, I give you my eyes to see as you see, I give you my tongue to speak your words, I give you my mind that you may think in me, I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me - love the Father and love all humankind. I give you my whole self, Lord that you may grow in me, so that it is you who lives, works and prays in me. Amen.</p>	<p>You are good and wise, I will praise you when I rise. Jesus, hear this prayer I send, Bless my family and my friends. Jesus, help my eyes to see, All the good you send to me. Jesus, help my ears to hear, Calls for help from far and near. Jesus, help my feet to go In the way that You will show. Jesus, help my hands to do All things loving, kind, and true. Jesus, guard me through this day In all I do and all I say. Amen.</p>

## Lunchtime Prayers Examples

<p>Thank you for the world so sweet Thank you for the food we eat Thank You God for the birds that sing, Thank You God for everything! Amen</p> 	<p>Bless us O Lord As we sit together, Bless the food we eat today, Bless the hands that made the food, Bless us O Lord, Amen</p>
<p>Dear God, We thank you for the wonderful food at this mealtime And each flavour that we enjoy. Thank you for the goodness of the vitamins to our bodies And the energy we receive as we eat. Please be with those children around the world who go hungry, And bless the work of those who are trying to help them. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.</p>	<p>Bless us O God as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us O God. Amen.</p> 
<p>Round this table, here to pray First we thank you for the day For our family and our friends Gifts of grace that heaven lends Living water, daily bread Countless blessings our God sends Thank you, Jesus, for them all For the great ones and the small When we're happy, when we're sad On the good days and the bad We are grateful, we are glad Amen.</p>	<p>For the meal we are about to eat, for those that made it possible, and for those with whom we are about to share it, We are thankful. Amen</p> 

## End of the Day Prayer Examples

Lord, keep us safe this night  
Secure from all our fears.  
May angels guard us while we sleep  
Till morning  
light  
appears.  
Amen

May the Lord grant us a  
quiet night, a quiet night  
and peace at the last.

NIGHT PRAYERS

Dear Lord,  
Thank you that you promise us  
That when two or more come together in Your name,  
You are with us.  
Thank you Lord that you have been with us throughout  
this day  
And that you are with us right now.  
Inspire us as we leave this place  
To love and serve You always.  
In the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

At the end of the day, I sit and I say,  
Thank you God for a lovely day,  
I try to be good as I know that I should,  
That's my prayer at the end of the day.  
Amen

God our Father, I come to say,  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for my family  
and all the friends you give to me.  
Guard me in the dark of night  
and in the morning send your light.  
Amen

Evening Prayer

Amen