



Schools Prayer Stations for pupils



The following prayer stations are designed for simple use in a school or church with very little preparation. They are aimed primarily at **Christian** young people; those involved in SU Groups or youth groups at church.

The prayer stations relate to different aspects of school life. You could play some quiet worship music as the pupils go around the different stations.

Equipment required:

- Area One: Scrabble or *Bananagrams* letters
- Area Two: Jars of bubbles
- Area Three: Person outline, string and pegs
- Area Four: Behaviour Cards and blanks (pages 6-8) printed onto coloured card or paper; blank paper, pens and scissors; prayer wall (could be wallpaper, or cork board)
- Area Five: Wooden lolly sticks, marker pens, coffee cup
- Area Six: Certificate (page 9) printed off, one per pupil

Area One: how do you feel about school?

“You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts.” Psalm 139:2

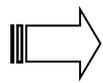


This is a place where you can come and say to God what you really think and feel about school.

This is a place to be real. There is nothing you can't say.

If you were to choose three words that describe how you feel about school, what would these three words be?

WHAT TO DO:



Make the three words out of the letters provided. When you have done that, close your eyes and tell God why you have chosen these three words and what they mean to you. **When you are ready, make your way to Area Two.**



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Area Two: What worries you about school?

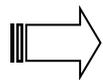
“I am weak and poor; come to me quickly, O God. You are my saviour, O Lord—hurry to my aid!” Psalm 70:5



School is sometimes a place where you face things you find really difficult.

- What do you find hard at school?
- What things upset you?

WHAT TO DO:



Are you worried about something at school? Ask God to help you and blow some bubbles. As you watch them float, picture giving your worries to God. As they pop, picture God taking your worries and popping them. **When you are ready, move on to Area Three.**



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Area Three: Dealing with Others

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone”, Romans 12:18



Sometimes one of the hardest things about school can be getting on with other people. Some people are good to hang around with but others can bring you down.

This is a time to think about you and your friends. Who are your friends? Are your friends a good influence on you—or a bad influence?

WHAT TO DO:

- ➡ Think of individuals at school who are a good influence on you. Write their name on the outline of a person. Thank God for them, and once you have finished take a peg and hang them on the string.
- ➡ Now have a little think about yourself. How can you be a good influence on those around you? You can ask God to help you with that too. **When you are ready, move on to Area Four.**



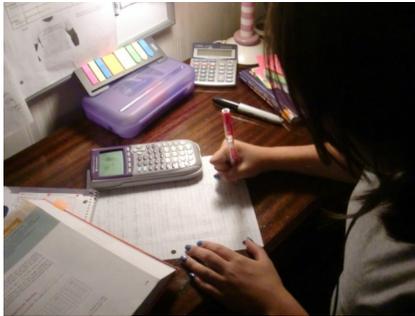
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Area Four: help at school

“I desire to do your will, O God: your law is within my heart.”

Psalm 40:8



If you were to ask God to give you one thing as you try to live as a Christian at school, what would it be?

What one thing do you think would help you to please God more as you spend time at school and amongst your friends there?

WHAT TO DO:

- ➡ Open up the box and have a look inside—the cards might give you an idea of what you would like to ask God for.
- ➡ Draw round your hand and write on it the thing you would like to ask God to help you with. Once you have done this you can stick it on the prayer wall (you can even make two and take one home as a reminder). **When you are ready, move on to Area Five.**



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<p>Seek Godly wisdom as well as human knowledge</p>	<p>Be more patient with other people</p>	<p>Respect others who aren't like me</p>	<p>Be more able to control my emotions</p>
<p>Not to get angry</p>	<p>Be a good role model to younger pupils</p>	<p>Be a better listener</p>	<p>Be a leader, not a follower</p>



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Stop running others down	Stop gossiping	Work harder	Tell my friends about Jesus
Stand up for Jesus when religion is criticised	Stop swearing	Stop telling lies	Live for Jesus at school as well as at church



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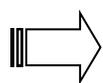
Area Five: teachers

“Pray for kings and *ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY*, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2:2

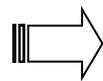


Your teacher spends a lot of time each day preparing for your lessons. They lead very busy lives and try their best to look after and care for you.

WHAT TO DO:



Take time to think of a teacher or helper in your school that you are thankful for.



Write their name on a wooden lolly stick. Thank God for them and ask God to bless them. Now place your lolly stick in the coffee cup. **When you are ready, move on to Area Six.**



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Area Six: after school is finished...

“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear: I will help you.” Isaiah 41:13



At the end of your time at school, how would you like to be remembered? What sort of person would you like to be remembered as?

How can Jesus help you be that kind of person? Think about these things for a moment.

WHAT TO DO:

- ➡ Take a certificate and fill it in for yourself. Write down the things you would like to be remembered for.
- ➡ Read this as a prayer to God—asking for his help to be the person he wants you to be. You can take the certificate away with you as a prayer each day before you go to school.



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Signed (teacher):