

Prayers for School Leavers 2020

Year 6 Leavers

Loving and Caring God,
As I come to the end of my time at Primary School,
I reflect on the years since I began school.

Some of the building blocks of my life have happened here
without my even knowing it: reading and writing,
skills that will grow and that I will use throughout my life.

If I look back on my first days at school,
everybody else in the school seemed very big.
Now, I am at the top of the school and I don't feel quite so big!

But I am getting ready now to move on,
to new challenges, to a new sense of belonging, to a new identity.
As I do so, help me always to remember a phrase that can accompany me now
and in the future: Do this in Memory of Me!

Help me, Lord, to remember and not to forget:
that as a child of your family, at any age, I can pray and ask for your guidance;
that as a follower of yours, I can make a difference in the world by speaking the
truth;
that as a member of the human family, I can act responsibly and lead others to
do the same.

Bless all those who have been part of my journey so far:
my family
my friends
my teachers and all of the staff at my school.

Keep me in your care, Lord, throughout the summer. Keep me safe.
May every day of my life be an opportunity to give back to you the gratitude I
have for the gift of life you have given me.
Amen.

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Year 11 / Year 13 Leavers

God and Father of the whole human family,
I come before you at this important moment in my life,
a time that cannot be marked in the normal ways this year.

It is good for me to reflect on all that has led to this point,
times that I remember with great joy, special achievements,
but also times that I might regret or wish had not happened.
All of these things make me the person I am today,
and it is good for me to be reminded frequently
that nothing puts me outside your love or your family.

Whatever the future, the weeks ahead present me with a new start.
In continuing education or in branching out in new ways,
I have the chance once more to shape the direction of my life,
always recognising that you have the ultimate plan for me.

At this moment, I must recognise that whether or not these years have been the
best years for me, I am a different person for the experiences I have lived
through.

Wherever I go in life, and whatever I do,
let me see the best in myself and in others.

May my principles and my values make a contribution to society,
that as I make new friends,
I may influence their lives as much as they influence mine.

May the gift of faith always find a place in my heart, especially in moments of
difficulty or doubt. May I never forget that I am loved unconditionally and that
my life is precious to others and to you, because I am a link in a chain, always
part of the wonderful world for which I have been created. Amen.