

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling—Ps 68:5

Throughout this month, why not.....

Pray for your local school. Prayer Link is an initiative which sees every school in the town 'adopted' by a church or churches who pray regularly for that school. Find out which school your church supports and get praying. If you don't support a local school yet, contact Linda Owen at the Prayer Centre to find out more information.

Find out the names of the children and young people in your own church. We are part of a family and our children are under enormous pressure to conform to the pattern of the world. Why not start praying for them and support them and their parents.

When you drive or walk past a school, pray for the teachers, staff and pupils within the building.

Enquire about ways you might be able to help in a voluntary capacity with the many youth services and programmes in our community. The web is a useful resource to gather information.

PRAY THE WORD:

Ps 10:14—You are the helper of the fatherless. Open my eyes to see those in need around me and help me to see how I can help and encourage them.

Is 1:17—Help me to learn to do what is right. I want to seek justice, encourage the oppressed and defend the cause of the fatherless. Help me to do this through Your strength and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prov 18:21—I want to speak life and blessing over the children and young people in this town. Help me to guard my mouth so that I will not speak negatively. Cause me to be a blessing and to speak Your words into situations.

Lord Jesus, I pray a blessing over every child and young person in this town. I pray that you would raise up a generation of people who will love You and seek Your face.

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Pray for Young People

Lamentations 2:19

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone..... - 1 Tim 2:1

This month we're praying for the children and young people in our communities, and those who work with them, guide them and have an influence on their lives.

Did You Know.....

- We have 20 primary, 8 secondary and 3 special schools in our town. Look at www.eastbourne.gov.uk/education/schools for the full listing.

- There are approximately 15,200 0-14 year olds in our community.

- The *Youth Development Service* helps young people to understand and act on personal, social and political issues which affect them and their communities, and to take responsibility for developing those communities. Youth workers use their professional skills and knowledge to equip and empower communities and groups within them to manage their own affairs.

- *Encounter* is the local Christian schools work organisation. It has the ambitious aim of ensuring that every young person under the age of 18 in the Eastbourne and Seaford area has the opportunity to hear and understand the Christian message and, should they wish, to learn to follow Jesus in their daily lives with the help and encouragement of a local Christian community. This is an enormous vision and one which needs our prayer and support. Look at the Encounter website to see how you could get involved www.bigencounter.com

Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these— Luke 18:16

The *Youth Offending Team* uses a multi-disciplinary approach with young offenders. They are part of the Youth Justice System. They look at the individual, the offence, the potential to re-offend and then decide on the best way forward.

Please pray: for all those involved with this team, that they would have integrity and wisdom in their decisions. That funding would continue to be available for this work. For good communication with the young people and their families. Continued good relationships with the police and local authorities and schools.

Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. FOR THE PROMISE IS TO YOU AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL WHO ARE AFAR OFF, AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD WILL CALL—Acts 2:38-39

A prayer for use in a service:

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for every young person in our town for every family and every child. At this time we remember how You came to bless and redeem and restore. Thank you that You can bring peace into every troubled life.

Please come and touch our young people, and every child with the presence of Your Holy Spirit, and an awareness of Your amazing love. Help them to know what is right, to refuse what they know to be wrong, and to honour those who are in positions of authority over them. Help them not to be deceived by the media or celebrities but help them to find the way that leads to peace. Amen.

Suggestions for prayer meetings / small groups:

Pray for the schools represented by the children/youth in your church.

Find out about local youth or childrens clubs in your community and pray for them. Consider getting involved!