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# Prayer Pointers

## May to June 2026

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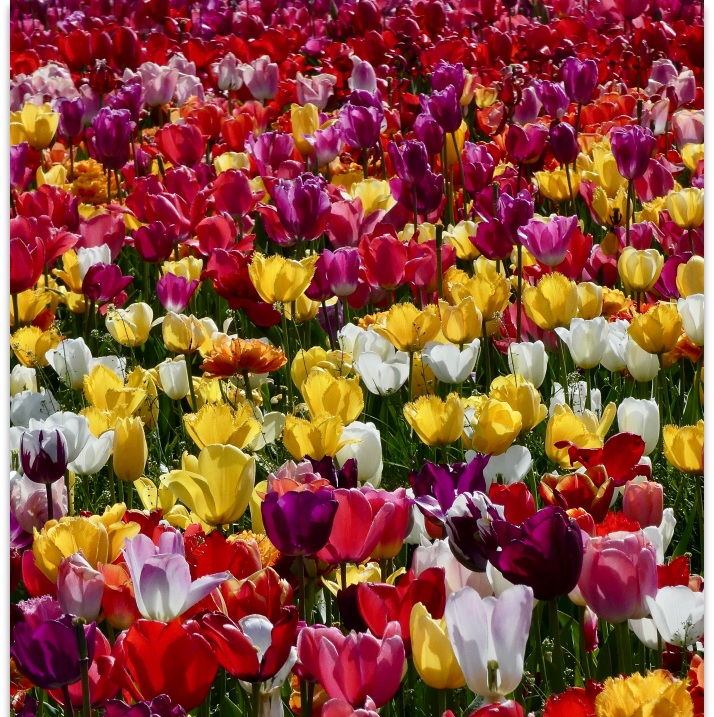
Scripture Union

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

*Psalm 139:13-16*

The Summer Term. For Year 11 and Year 13 pupils, the culmination of their time in formal education has arrived. Years of learning now come down to how they answer the questions set before them on exam papers. It is a stressful and anxious time, with emotions running high. The question, "Will I achieve the marks I need to move forward towards my chosen career?" sits at the forefront of their minds. And alongside it comes another: "What if I don't?"

At times like these, the way we view ourselves can be deeply affected. Self-esteem, self-worth, wellbeing, and mental health can all suffer. Our performance - whether we perceive it as positive or negative - can seem to define our future. There is also a



danger: when things go wrong, we may begin to isolate ourselves. We withdraw from our support networks, choosing not to engage with others. Life can begin to spiral downward, and sometimes it is only when we reach the end of ourselves that we ask for help.

I recently heard the story of a young person whose life had spiralled out of control. Their view of themselves had become so negative that they could not see a way out. The more they tried to regain control, the more it seemed to slip away. Yet even though they felt that God had abandoned them, He was still there.

Over time, they began to fight for themselves again. They learned to rely

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on those who were standing with them and for them. They learned to trust in God once more. Gradually, they came to realise that they are, as the Psalmist says, "fearfully and wonderfully made." They discovered that God has a plan and purpose for their life, and that they are safe in the palm of His hand.

The same is true for us. In times of difficulty and stress, God is with us. Even when we cannot see Him or feel His presence, He carries us.

My prayer is that every Year 11 and Year 13 pupil will know they are not alone - that God is with them, and that they are upheld in prayer throughout this exam season.

### **Christopher Baker - Schools Worker**

Here are some things to thank God for and to pray for.

#### **Please thank God for...**

- ▶ the positive response from schools to the assemblies taken so far this term whether recorded or in person
- ▶ the good relationships CIS has with many schools, both secondary and junior, in the area
- ▶ the trustees who oversee and lead CIS; Roger Aldridge, Penny Bainbridge (Secretary), Lindsey Bryant, Graham Clark, Ashley Croft (Interim Chair), Chris Croft, Martin Money (Treasurer) and Christine Sherriff

#### **Please pray...**

- ▶ for all Year 6 pupils as they take their SATs the week of 11th May

- ▶ for all Year 11 and Year 13 pupils as they take their GCSEs and A Levels this term

- ▶ for Future Assemblies:

#### **Etonbury Academy Year 13**

**Assembly** 8th May; **St. Mary's C of E**

**Academy, Stotfold** 11th May, 15th

and 29th June; **St. Francis College**

**Prep.** 18th May, 15th June and 6th

July; **Grange Academy** 20th May and

17th June; **Norton St. Nicholas C of E**

**Primary School** 8th June; **Roecroft**

**Lower School** 25th June

- ▶ for the Fearnhill School Lunchtime Club on Friday

- ▶ for Speaking Engagements

**New Life Church** 17th May and 7th

June; **Grange Afternoon Fellowship**

18th June

- ▶ for the Trustees as they meet on 20th May

- ▶ for the CIS Quiz at the Icknield Centre on Friday 19th June

- ▶ for Christopher as he prepares for assemblies, Hubs/CUs, sermons and other events

*Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support*

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