

# A week of prayers for use in your devotions

## **Monday**

### A Prayer for Students

Father God we think of all those who are now studying for qualifications at a further education college. We ask that they will have found their place in the college community. We ask that they will find life and purpose and joy in their chosen subjects. We ask that you will help them fulfil their potential, inspiring and enthusing them in their studies. We ask that their time in college will be a happy time, making memories that last a lifetime and laying a foundation for the future. And finally father we ask that in some special way they will encounter you and come to know that they are made in the image of God, and are loved, cherished and held by you. Amen

## **Tuesday**

### A prayer for Staff

Loving Lord, we thank you for those thousands of people who have chosen a career in teaching in further education. We thank you for their hard work and dedication. We thank you for their expertise and their pastoral care. We pray that they will continue to love what they do, that each day they discover new joys that bring them life. Be their inspiration and their strength. Give them wisdom and insight, resilience and compassion. May they know that they are valued and appreciated. In these tough times for education protect them and keep them and may they come to know your love in the midst of their classrooms. Amen

## **Wednesday**

### A prayer for Management

Father God we pray today for all those who manage the day to day working of our Further Education colleges. We ask for wisdom for each of them as they make decisions in relation to budgets, staffing levels, course structures, expenditure. Grant them insight, favour, understanding and empathy as they do their work so that all that is done is done for the well being of all.

In these hard times sustain them, encourage them and keep them strong . Honour their dedication and commitment and reveal to each of them how much they are loved and valued by you. Be present with them in their offices always we pray. Amen

## **Thursday**

### A prayer for Chaplains

Dear Lord, today we pray for those who work as chaplains in our colleges. Some for a few hours a week others for longer. Each one brings your good news into their place of work. Thank you for their commitment and faithfulness. We ask your blessing upon them that their ministry will bear much fruit as they seek to meet the needs of the college and minister your presence to staff and students alike. We pray too for all Christian volunteers that they might find joy in what they do and be good news in their context. Father may many more respond to the call and may colleges be open to their ministry in the days and weeks ahead. In your precious name. Amen

## **Friday**

### A Prayer for Christians in College

Today Father we pray for Christian staff and students in our colleges. We ask that you will build them up in faith and be effective, compassionate and loving witnesses to you in the way they teach, learn and live as part of the college community. Bless too those who support Christians in college. Continue to work through Festive and the West Midlands Churches FE council so that your people can bear your name and bring light and life to their communities. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen



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