

PRAY LIKE HANNAH – DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

	Week One – Home/Family	Week Two – Fun/Freedom	Week Three – Church/Belonging	Week Four – School/Friendships
Day One	Neighbourhood: Use a map or do a virtual prayer journey around your neighbourhood. Notice the businesses and homes. Pray that God's love would be known in every home and business in every street on the journey.	Play: If you can, go to a play park and play. It is said that 'play is a child's most important work'. Pray for the children and young people who need more play in their life.	Welcome: Stand at each of the thresholds in your church building or home. Pray that your church would offer an open invitation to children and young people.	School days: Make a list of all the schools/colleges/universities/nurseries in your area or local to your church. Pray for everyone connected with each of them.
Day Two	Church: Pray for those connected with your church community, for any children or young people connected through activities, family connections or by geographical location.	Space: Go to or imagine a space where young people often gather or where children play. Pray that they would have the space they need to grow, to flourish and to mature.	Good News: Read Romans 10:13 aloud. Say it again replacing the word "everyone" with the words "children and young people". Make this your prayer today.	Learning: Places of learning can be difficult for those young people not best suited to the style of learning offered by some. Pray for all those who struggle with this.
Day Three	Love: Buy some love heart shaped sweets or make paper love heart shapes. Carry them with you today and pray that children and young people would have a home filled with love and would know the love of God.	Relationships: Pray for those beginning or ending, that God gives courage and strength to take that first step. Perhaps wear one shoe from a comfortable pair and one from a pair which hasn't moulded to your foot yet. Note how that feels as you pray.	Worship: Look through the list of worship services offered by your church. Pray that children, young people and families will be able to offer their worship to God.	Transitions: Pause at the bottom of the stairs or an escalator. Pray for all those who have taken the next step, or are about to make a move onto something new in life.
Day Four	Parents: Tie a piece of wool/thread/string around one finger. Pray for parents/grandparents and carers of children. Give thanks for the love and the commitment they give. Pray for the influence they have over the lives of young people.	Wonder: Spend time looking up at the sky or into the far distance or at the ground outside. Stare long enough to notice something you didn't see at first. Pray that children and young people may have time to stop and to wonder about some of the big questions of life.	Connections: Make a paper chain, thinking of all the other organisations that play a part in the lives of children and young people in your community. Pray for opportunities the church can have to make connections that will benefit children and young people.	Relationship with Church: Pray for those who provide a connection to church officially or unofficially, that they are able to support the learning community and are examples of being 'salt and light' through those relationships.
Day Five	New Life: Choose to focus on a symbol of new life. Pray for those in your community or network who have new born babies/toddlers or are starting a new in some way. Pray God's blessing on each individual situation.	Laughter: Find or think of a joke that a child might tell. Thank God for the gift of children and the laughter and joy that children naturally offer.	Ministry: Read 1 Timothy 4:12 and pray that your church would value the contribution of children and young people in every area of ministry.	Testing: There are regular assessments, exams and tests of both students and staff. Pray for fair outcomes and for all those who live in fear of results.
Day Six	Wider Family: Find a tree and count the branches, twigs and leaves that are all connected to each other. Pray for all the households connected to your household, count the individuals concerned as you pray for God's love to be known in and through all those connections.	Adventure: Go on an adventure today, perhaps to a new place or take a different route somewhere familiar. Give thanks for the adventure of following Jesus and pray that children and young people will have this experience too.	Celebrations: Think of all the times of celebrations in life. Think of the times of Christian festivals and celebrations throughout the year. Thank God for the opportunities for children and young people to celebrate God.	Praise: Give thanks for all the care and support provided by places of learning. For all the new ideas discovered by children and young people. Give God praise for the never-ending possibilities of learning in all our lives.
Day Seven	Decisions: If you can, go and stand at a road junction/crossroads. Pray for those who are having to make decisions that will impact their future, this could include College or University courses, apprenticeships, work or relocating.	Resources: Look at a catalogue or website selling items. Think about the things that children and young people really need. Pray that children you know or know of, would have everything that they need.	Grief & Loss: Grief and loss can take many different forms. As you place items into or sort recycling today, pray for all those experiencing the pain of grief or loss, may they know God's comfort.	Age specific: Buy a child's birthday card or candle. Place it in a prominent place today and pray God's blessing on all those children or young people of that age in your community, church or network.
Sunday*	Pray like Hannah for at least one minute each hour.	Pray like Hannah for at least one minute each hour.	Pray like Hannah for at least one minute each hour.	Pray like Hannah for at least one minute each hour.

*Add the 'Sunday' prayer to whichever days are Sundays in the month you are using this Calendar.