

# Prayer Guide for the week of 6 to 12 November

**“A teacher affects all eternity; you never know where his or her influence stops.”**  
**Henry Adams**



Yesterday was World Teachers' Day. We all remember at least one teacher who profoundly influenced our lives. These teachers, and others, are the key to the future of our country. Sadly, we do not have enough well trained and motivated teachers in South Africa.

According to a report by Amnesty International, “The quality of education in South Africa is poor and unequal. The education system is characterised by crumbling infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms and relatively poor educational outcomes. The system is perpetuating inequality and failing too many of its children, with the poor hardest hit. South Africa’s education system is ranked as amongst the worst in the world.”

Where we have headmasters and teachers who are motivated to give of their best and to inspire their learners, we have centres of excellence. Unfortunately, these are still few and far between. Our government pays lip service to improvements in education, primarily in the rural areas, where infrastructure is virtually non-existent. Our education ministers have a poor track record; our minister of finance does not allocate sufficient funds for teacher training or school infrastructure improvements.



We give thanks for:

- † Our dedicated headmasters, teachers and teacher aids who do so much to inspire the learners.
- † For the provincial staff who, with limited budgets do what they can to support the schools.
- † For the parents who play an active role in the schools attended by their children

We pray for:

- † Our government, to prioritise education in all its forms, to provide sufficient funds for educating teachers to world class standards, for the most modern support equipment, for infrastructure improvements and the best suitable syllabus for the schools.
- † For teachers, to be motivated and prepared to go the extra mile for those in their classroom.
- † For learners, in their time at school, that the experience will equip them for life after school.



**“MUCH, MUCH MORE in 2024”**