

Davenant Foundation School

Prayer Letter: July 2022

At the end of this academic year, let us join together to thank the Lord for all His blessings and provision that we have seen over the year. It is good to give God thanks and praise. Let us also pray for His rest over the summer and for His favour next year.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

In giving thanks for this year, please praise God for answering prayers and for all the support and protection He has provided for us as a school. Thank Him for the students that have had the health and ability to access school and achieve both academically and in sport and music as well as in many other ways. Thank God, that for those who have struggles that He has been there with them and has provided support and comfort to them.

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

As we look back over the year, let us acknowledge that our God has been in control, has led, and guided us all the way. Praise Him for His grace and mercy in providing us with Davenant. Let us acknowledge the challenges that students, parents and staff face whilst acknowledging that God has been, is and will continue to be in the difficulties alongside us. Ask that He open our eyes to His love and provision.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Thank God, for the nature of our children and for the culture and behaviour we have in school. Ask that Jesus will increasingly develop in our community a counter cultural attitude and atmosphere that supports and develops each and every member of the community. Pray that our community will embrace unity and equality. Ask that the Holy Spirit will be at work throughout the community achieving all that God desires.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Whilst there have been challenges and worries this year for many families and staff, let us thank God that the majority have not ended catastrophically and in many we have seen God's hand of protection. Acknowledge God's care and protection even at times when we were not aware even of the dangers. Ask over the summer holiday for God's hand of protection over every member of our community and that all may return safe and sound to a new year.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Pray that as Year 13 and Year 11 students leave to go onto the next phases of their lives alongside the staff who are moving on, that God will continue to support and protect them. Pray that each one leaving the community will know the provision and love of God as they settle into their new lives and communities. May the students and staff know the reality of God leading and guiding them.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

As we pray for those leaving us this year, we also pray for all those of our community from the past. We pray that they will be reminded of God's love and care. Ask that God will make Himself known to them and fulfil His plan in each and every one of them. May our whole community past, present and future know God's life, joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine

As we end, let us look forward and ask that as staff, parents and students turn their thinking over the summer to coming back or joining this school, pray that that they will know God's peace, wisdom and strength preparing them and guiding their thoughts and holding their emotions in His heart. May we know His preparation and equipping.

Pray particularly for the external exam results, those going off to job's, college, University and apprenticeships. Ask that nothing will stand in their way from achieving all God ordained for them remembering that God's promise is to work all things together for the good for those who love Him, who have been called according to His purposes.

Amen

Thank you for your invaluable support in prayer throughout this year.

