

A PRAYER FOR SCRIPTURE UNION NORTHERN IRELAND

Lord God

We thank you for the ongoing ministry of Scripture Union Northern Ireland. We thank you that over the years, Scripture Union has opened the Bible with so many children and young people, either in schools, at a camp or at one of the many summer missions and CSSM's. We thank you that your Good News is being made known.

Lord, we lift to you the work that takes place in hundreds of schools across Northern Ireland. We thank you for all the assemblies and RE lessons being delivered in primary, post primary and special schools. Lord, we pray that as the team of Scripture Union volunteers and staff stand in front of assembly halls and interact with pupils in the classroom, the words that are spoken and the lessons that are taught would have a lasting impact in the lives of those listening.

As we think of the SU groups taking place in many of our schools, we thank you for the teachers and senior pupils who lead these groups each week. May they know your guidance and leadership. We ask that you strengthen and encourage each group so that they may be shining beacons of hope in their school communities.

We thank you that each summer Scripture Union engages with thousands of children, young people and their families as a full programme of camps and missions takes place on beaches, in castles, church halls, community centres, forest parks and housing estates. Lord, we thank you for the team leaders who plan and prepare throughout the year and for the volunteers who join SU each summer. Lord, we ask that you inspire the teams as they begin to prepare for this summer. We pray for stamina, for creativity, and that they will be filled with your hope.

We thank you that amongst the messy games, high energy activities, chill out times, arts & crafts, and so much more, the Bible will be opened, and Your Good News will be made known.

We thank you for the many people who are involved in serving and supporting the work of Scripture Union. We are truly grateful for each person who chooses to give of their time or donate their finances. As the vision continues to grow to see children and young people transformed by your Good News, Lord, please provide for all of Scripture Union's needs.

We acknowledge your Lordship over Scripture Union Northern Ireland; may they continue to keep their focus on you and may all they say and do bring you the glory you so deserve.

Amen