**School Ministry Sunday – spoken prayer**

**Dear God,**

We thank you for your constant love and presence as we journey in this world. As the school year commences we pray for your blessings on all students, parents, staff and volunteers who work together to educate and support our younger citizens.

Today we pray especially for the various organisations, staff and volunteers that provide Christian-based services to children in ACT public schools: **CEIS, Fusion, Catholic Life, Scripture Union, the Salvation Army, Breakfast Clubs, Young Life, Kids Hope Aus and** **School Chaplaincy ACT.**

As churches across Canberra unite in prayer today we give thanks for each one that supports school ministry through:

* prayer
* funding
* volunteers
* regional networks

We pray that all school ministry needs for this year are met through your church and your people.

May our presence in schools be another way that children come to you. Help us show your love through meaningful relationships and valued service. Guide our actions and words. Move each one of us to respond accordingly.

**God, hear our prayers today for all ministries in the ACT school zone. Amen.**