

Thought for the day – Wednesday 8th September 2021

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Prayers from Angela Ashwin The Book of 1000 prayers.

One of our favourite spiritual writers is Angela Ashwin. I would like to share two prayers written by young people from Kenya.

We pray for people
so poor
that they cannot help themselves;
whose subsistence crops
have been destroyed by climatic disasters;
for people who live in areas
where rainfall is unreliable
and varies from year to year.

We pray for small children
who die of malnutrition,
and others who suffer from disease
because their mothers do not understand
the values of different kinds of foods.

We pray for little children,
too young
to pray for themselves.

Lord, the future stretches before me
like a long dark tunnel,
leading into the unknown.

After my exams,
will I get to university?
Or will I begin the endless search
for a job?
Will I make enough money?

Lord, my future is in your hands.
Help me to look honestly
at my own ability
and to know if I have the right skills
for the jobs that attract me.
Lord hear my prayer
My future belongs to you.

What would our young people pray?
What do we pray for our young people?