



Today, more than 2.4 million hungry children will eat Mary's Meals at school.

During the month of May, join with us to pray for the children who eat Mary's Meals around the world.

Introduce Mary's Meals

Before praying together, you can take time to introduce the children to the work of Mary's Meals.

- Use our PowerPoint presentation and notes at assembly or in class to hear about the story of Mary's Meals - download them from our [resource page](#).
- Explore our website together to find out about the different countries [where we work](#).
- [Contact Mary's Meals](#) to book a volunteer speaker to visit your school.

Prayers for children



Heavenly Father you gave Jesus to Mary and Joseph, for them to love and look after Him as He grew up. Please look after all the families around the world, especially those who live in poverty. Help their children to grow up happy and healthy. Amen.



Thank you, Jesus, for the 2.4 million children eating Mary's Meals today, and for everyone who gives what they can to help other people. We ask you to bless every little act of love that helps Mary's Meals. Help us to be loving and generous today. Amen.



Loving Father, you asked Mary to be the mother of Jesus, to keep Him safe even when they didn't have a place to call home. We ask you to bless all of the children in our world who don't have a home and keep them safe. Amen.



Thank you, God, for the food that I will eat at school today. I pray for the children who will be hungry at lunchtime because their family doesn't have enough food. Please help Mary's Meals to feed more hungry children all over the world and help us to share what we have with others. Amen.



Loving Father, touch the hearts of everyone in our world affected by war and natural disasters, including the children in Ethiopia, Lebanon and Yemen receiving Mary's Meals. Help give them hope for a better tomorrow. Amen.

Activities for your class

Choose a country [where we work](#) and talk about the country with your class. Pray with your class for all of the children in the chosen country.

Invite your class to write out their own prayers for the children who eat Mary's Meals, using the worksheet provided. They could think about their hopes for the children, for example *"Lord, I love playing outside with my friends. I pray that all of the children eating Mary's Meals today would have a safe space to play together."*

Encourage your class to pray for children around the world as they go about their day. For example, on the way to school: *"Lord, I pray for the children who travel a long way to get to school so that they can receive Mary's Meals. Please bless them today."*

Use our [prayer calendar](#) throughout the month to pray for, and learn about, children living all around the world.

To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk

Mary's Meals serves school meals to children around the world to help them come to school and have the food they need to learn and play.

This month I pray for:

Amen

