

Get Involved: Pray



EMBRACE Prayer Group October 2013

I am from Africa and my wife is from Belfast N-Ireland. We have two children and our first born just turned four this September. A few weeks ago he started nursery school and that morning his Mum asked him if he was excited about starting school and trying to encourage him. To the amazement of my wife our son said he was scared because he would be different from the other children.

His words were, "but everyone is pink and I will be the only one who is brown."

These words came as a shock as our son has never seen his colour as anything but beautiful and never anything negative. However, when the day came my wife was delighted to know that at the nursery school where our child was going there were other children of different colours.

Please remember to pray for children and parents who, like our child, may feel intimidated and concerned over this issue.

Pray that teachers will be aware of the needs of their pupils who are different colours, and the intimidation they may face in our schools, so that this will be totally eradicated from every level of society.

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This month we give thanks for:

- The diversity that enriches us.
- For the honesty to acknowledge our fears, and the openness to allow the love of God to heal them.
- All people who make Northern Ireland a welcoming place for people from different countries.
- For the courage of our children, may we as adults have as much.
- For the schools where all of our children are educated equally.