

## *School Prayer*

### *For Such a Time as This*

We are so excited that many of you joined Burnt Hickory the other 15+ local churches as we reached out to cover in prayer 100+ schools yesterday, August 1, Sat! Many of families gathered at home, some at Burnt Hickory and others onsite at the schools. J.R. Miller, Presbyterian pastor and prolific writer around the turn of the century, wrote: "He is never asleep to His people when they call upon Him. Amid the wildest tumults of this world, God ever hears the faintest cry of prayer. Nor is He ever too weary to listen to His children in distress". What comfort those words bring. How wonderful to know we are the Children of God (John 1:12-13) We pray that God will touch our hearts to pray every day for our families and schools. They need our continued prayers lifting them up in "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14; Phil4:6-7; 1Peter 5:7).

#### **Please lift up these prayers:**

##### **Families**

*Father, we lift up all our students to You in whatever circumstances of learning they might be. May they value their education and respect those in authority over them. Let them speak and act to bring glory to You. (Prov.4:13, Rom. 13:1, Matt.10:24)*

*Jehovah Shalom, we call on You as the God of Peace. These are strange times, indeed, with many unknowns. You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-discipline. Give our students a sense of peace in their new learning environment and encourage Christian students' and teachers' hearts to lessen anxiety around them by reflecting Your light. (Judges 6:24, 2Tim.1:7, Gal. 5:23, 2 Cor.4:6)*

*Lord, this year, as children in virtual learning situations must become more independent, please help them to acquire those skills necessary to be successful, whether they are being watched every minute or not. Help them to learn that hard work pays rewards. I pray they would become good managers of their time and resources. (Prov. 6:6-8, Eph. 5:15-16)*

*Lord, as a parent, I pray that You will give me the positive attitude and outlook it will take to maintain peace and order in my home during these stressful times. Help me not to lose heart in doing good for my children. I put my total trust in You to direct our lives and I claim Your promise that You will work all things together for our good because we love You and are called according to Your purpose. (Ps. 91:12, Gal. 6:9, Prov. 3:5-6, Rom. 8:28)*

##### **Schools**

*Lord, our teachers are carrying an extra load this year. Remind us to faithfully lift them up to You in prayer. Help us to exhibit love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control when communicating with or about them. They are not responsible for creating our students' and families' learning situations, and they are doing their best, at a sacrifice to themselves and their own families.*

*(Col. 1:9, Ps. 68:19, Gal.6:2, Gal. 5:22-23)*

*Father, give unity and harmony to principals, staff and teaches who work in one school together so their focus will be on the education of the children/student. Remove any division or distraction from their daily lives. Give them discernment to realize if there is a interference from the evil one and put it in its place. (Ps 119:125)*

##### **Education Decision Makers**

*Dear God, you are a God of order, not confusion. There have been so many disagreements and changes among those in charge of making school re-opening decisions across the nation; this has caused discord, even among friends, at times. Please give wisdom and discernment to those who are in control of ongoing decisions about our children's education. (1 Cor. 14:33, James1:5, Rom.12:18)*

*Help us, O Lord, as believers, to live in peace with all, on social media and in person, regardless of our choices/opinions about the Covid-19 virus and the school settings. May our thoughts, speech and actions be pleasing in your sight. In my life, may You be glorified!*

*(Ps 19:14; Rom12:18)*

If you do not already have the “School Prayer Focus Guide” and the “Prayer Requests from the Principals and Teachers”, you can find them at:  
[www.burnthickory.com/prayer](http://www.burnthickory.com/prayer)

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