

Prayers not yet Prayed for Our Schools, Part 1

Thank you each and every one who has lifted-up prayers for our families, school, principals, teachers and the education decision makers. In a year where we expected fewer pray-ers than ever, our community "School Prayer 2020" is seeing more than ever! And some churches will be observing their prayer focus through Aug 15. As of now we already show hundreds with "boots on the ground" prayer walking/driving & parking plus 1,600+ praying at home, on Face Book Live and Zoom covering 102 schools! Praise be to God! To Him be all the glory and honor!

We have covered the basic prayers that most of us lift up, but NOW, let's tackle some areas we may not have touched on yet, but are in need of our prayers. Prayer should be our first action, before anything else; always go to the Lord first!

This is the time of year we always have our school prayer focus, but I challenge you to begin praying daily for our families, schools and decision makers because the future of our children and our nation depend on it!

Prayers for this week

Abba, we praise You because the school systems in our community will continue supplying the hot meals needed for so many students. Father, You know for many that is their only hot meal of the day. Please continue that provision regardless of the situations that may occur in our community. (Matt 6:31-32)

Father, there is so much going on around us with the Covid situation and the ripple effect in the lives of the students and teachers. We ask you to clear their minds, remove all the distractions and confusion so the focus can be on learning for the students and for the teachers, what needs to be taught and how they will teach it. (Is 26:3; Phil 4:6-7)

Lord, help the students and teachers look to the future, thinking about the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good and virtuous. Help them do their work as unto You, leaning on You to give them the strength to do all they have to do. Help them remember their help is in You. (Phil 3:13, 4:8, 13; Col 3:23; Ps 121:2)

God, you are the God of Peace. Let our teachers and students look to You for peace and hope. Give them Your peace that passes understanding to guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Give them the spirit of power and love and a sound mind, that only You can give through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. And help them understand it is from You. (Phil 4:7, 2Tim 1:7)

We praise You, Father, for the doors You have opened to help parents struggling to provide the technology needed for their students to connect to the online school system. Thank You for the school systems and communities who have helped. Lord please continue opening those doors so all student will have the technology needed. (2Cor 9:8)

Abba Father, many students have special needs that will be difficult to meet in these new learning environments. Calm their anxieties. I pray that You would draw them to You and renew their strength daily so they would not grow tired and weary. I pray they would learn the reward of being diligent in their studies. (Is 40:30-31; Ps. 90:12)

God, our Creator, help these special needs children see they were created for Your glory, not unlike their typical learning peers; let them grow to see their differences as a way for Your works to be glorified in their lives. Help others to see their unique differences in a positive light. and love them for who they are. (Is 43:5-7; John 9:1-3)

Father of The One Who said to bring the little children to Him, and forbid them not, I lift up those little ones with special needs. They are all precious in Your sight. Teach them not to be anxious, to pray, and to bring their requests to You, so they will experience your peace.

(Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Pet 5:7)

Lord, loose the bands of wickedness that cause adults to abuse children. Set them free from the oppression of Satan, which causes them to be oppressive to those around them. Heal the broken hearted and save the crushed in Spirit. Give discerning adults insight for any child who may be struggling in an abusive situation or may need to be placed in a safe place. Let them speak for the children who cannot speak for themselves. (Prov 31:8-9, 34:18; Is 58:6)

Open the eyes of the teachers, students and their families to recognize the lies of Satan. Give them the spiritual wisdom and discernment to know right from wrong and to reject what is wrong. Through a touch of the Holy Spirit, reveal to them You are the only true God, the only living God. Give them a heart to want to know You. Give them a thirst for You

like a deer panting for water in a dry and thirsty land. (1Sam 16:7; Jer 24:7; Matt 16:17; 1Cor 2:1; 2Cor 4:4)

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