

Prayers for “Such a Time as This”

Families and Students

- Praise You, El Shaddai, God Almighty, for the good health our country is beginning to see, for the decline in Covid cases, and for guiding us during this last year. (Ps 32:8)
- Thank You, Abba Father, that through Your guidance during this hard illness, through those lost or who have/had Covid, You have been there for us and our families every minute of every day, strengthened us and set many of us and our families on closer paths with You. (Jos 1:9)
- Thank You, Heavenly Father, that this year our children and students are able to attend school in person on campus.
- We pray that every day we will seek You first in every experience we encounter and that our children and students will do the same. (Matt 6:33; 10:38-39)
- Lord God, put a hedge of protection around Your children so they will remain in good health throughout this school year.
- Abba Father, give parents Your grace, strength and wisdom to continue managing the challenges caused by the ripple effect of this pandemic. (James 1:5)
- You are the God of Hope. Fill families with that hope so they will step into each new day with confidence knowing You are with them and will never leave them. (Josh 1:9; Rom 15:13)
- Lord, may we, as parents, make sure that we provide the Godly home needed for our children and students to flourish and grow to the potential God has for them.
- May we carve out the time we need for family devotions and prayer time to grow our relationship with You, Lord.
- Now that the restrictions are eased, may we all still be discerning in our social distancing and observance of guidelines to ensure we continue on a healing path for our schools as we begin this new school year. (Prov 3:5-6)
- Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, continue providing all of the needs for our children to have a successful year in school. (Phil 4:19)
- Infuse in our students the strength and expertise needed to help them catch up after this last year with so many challenges.
- We pray especially for those students with disabilities: give them a clear path to the skills needed and defuse their frustrations and distractions so they will be able to learn.
- Father, many children struggle with abuse in their homes. Put a hedge of protection around them to protect them during these days. (Ps 27:5)

Schools

- Thank You, Father, for the guidance and insight You gave to our school principals, staff, teachers and volunteers during this last year. We pray for those blessings to continue as they begin school this August.
- Lord, give them the stamina, strength and endurance they need to continue running this race as they come back to work with even more and different changes and challenges. (Gal 6:9)
- Help principals, staff, teachers and volunteers as they juggle their own family's needs and with that of teaching.
- Give them the concentration and insight they need to focus on what they need to teach.
- May Christians on staff find the courage to be Your light. (Matt 28:16-20)

- Father, give wisdom, patience and understanding to the teachers for their students as they enter this new year. (Prov 3:5)
- Give teachers the insight and knowledge needed to work successfully with students with special needs. Fill them with patience and maturity in assessing and dealing with these student's challenges.
- Father, since the school meals are many times the only hot meals some children receive, please continue to open doors for the schools and communities to provide for these basic needs. (Phil 4:19)
- Jehovah Rapha, our Healer, we ask You for total healing from Covid, including defusing all the ripple effects that have permeated all our homes, schools and communities. (Ps 103:3)

Education Decision Makers

- Father, may these decision makers come to You seeking Your guidance and shepherding in the decisions they make which are affecting thousands and millions. (Ps 23:1-3)
- Lord Jesus, may they come to you for relief from the heavy burdens they carry. (Matt 11:39-40)
- We pray, Lord, for each one working in our city, county, state and national education offices. Father, relieve their stress, fill them with Your peace and give them full concentration and insight for their jobs, tasks and responsibilities.
- Give sensitivity to these leaders in the decisions they are making. Give them sincere and complete understanding of the gravity and effects of their decisions.

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