

Prepare Your Heart by Praying:

A = Adoration, worshipping God

C = Confession of sins to God

T = Thanksgiving

S = **Supplication**, asking for things in prayer.

(Our Pastors teach confession first, insuring that God will then hear our prayers.)

Prayer Walking Your Schools

Park as close to the school as possible.

Gather together to begin the walk.

Divide into groups of 2 or 3.

Choose one person to start your group in prayer.

Pray as you walk around the outside of the school.

Pray on-site with insight - Look around you, be observant. Ordinary powers of observation yield abundant insights about the best focus of prayer.

Pray out loud.

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayer.

Take turns praying short prayers about a certain subject or area of focus.

Subjects: Students, teachers, staff, bus drivers, parents & families, Christian witnessing, salvation of the lost, safety, protection from drugs, sex & violence, anger turning to love, respect for authority, warfare, putting on God's armor.

Areas of the school: School entrances, classrooms, offices, lunchroom, playground, clinic bus parking area, parent's drop-off/pick-up areas, sports areas, music rooms.

Sing praises.

Use scripture. Pray God's Promises.

Be prepared to receive God's blessing for your efforts!

Prayer Walking

What To Pray For:

- Pray for teachers and students who are unbelievers, that they might come to know the Lord.
- Pray that the students will know the love of the Father and have assurance of His
 great love.
 - 1 John 3:1 "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God."
- Pray that the students will be prevented from obtaining weapons.
- Pray for protection from alcohol, sexual activity and violence.
 John 17:11 "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name."
- Pray for protection from hate, envy, jealousy, greed and selfishness.
- Pray for Christian students to keep their bodies pure because they are the temple of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 "...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit ... Therefore honor God with your body."
- Pray for the parents of the children who attend these schools.
- Pray for their homes, that God will remove violence and replace it with His love and that the Holy Spirit will dwell there.
- Pray for the teachers to experience God's leadership as they teach and discipline.
 Pray that God will protect them.
- Pray that the students will have respect for authorities.
 Romans 13:1 "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established."
- Pray for protection on the playgrounds, as young people gather there.
- Pray for the school bus drivers and their riders.
- Pray for Christian students to withstand peer pressure by knowing who they are in Christ, what they have in Christ and what they can do through Christ.
 Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
- Pray for Christian students, that they would follow God fully, support one another in Christ and be witnesses to their non-Christian classmates and teachers.
 John 17:23 "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you [God] sent me [Jesus] and have loved them even as you have loved me."
- And remember...
 John 14:13-14 " And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that they Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ak me for anything in my name, and I will do it."
- Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against us will prevail, and we will refute every tongue that accuses us. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me."
- 1 John 5:18 "The one who was born of God keeps us safe, and the evil one cannot harm us."

Prayers for "Such a Time as This" Families

- Give families Your discernment concerning social distancing and COVID guidelines as they begin this new school year. (Rom 12:12)
- Lord God, put a hedge of protection around Your children so they will remain in good health, though there may be sickness around them.
- Abba Father, give parents Your grace, strength and wisdom to manage the many challenges of these COVID days. (Ps 45:2, James 1:5)
- You are the God of Hope. Fill families with that hope so they will have the courage to face each day. (Rom 15:13)
- Lord, you know that many parents are struggling to provide the needed technology for their children/students to connect for online education, please open the doors for that to be accomplished. (Phil 4:19)
- For students with learning disabilities, give them a clear path to the skills needed so they will be able to learn online as they did in the classroom.
- 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

- Lord, help these school principals, staff and teachers to have the stamina & endurance to run this race, as this path is nothing they ever dreamed of encountering. (Gal 6:9)
- Help principals, staff and teachers as they juggle their own family's needs and teach in new environments with different needs for both.
- 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 in these unprecedented days. (Matt 28:16-20)
- Father, give wisdom, patience and understanding to the teachers for their students as they enter this new year some teaching online and some on campus. (Prov 3:5)
- Give teachers the insight 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)
- Lord God Almighty, bring our children back to on campus to their schools safely and as quickly as possible defeating this virus. (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)
- 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.

In all situations, Abba Father let us each know in our hearts that You have not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. May we move in that to the harmony and unity You desire in the Body of Christ. (2Tim 1:7)