

*Prayers Not Yet Prayed for our Schools, Part 2, Aug 16, 2020*

As we continue our prayer focus on families, students, principals, teachers and decision makers, we have concern for needs that have not been addressed but are of great importance to those affected. Please join us in lifting up the following prayers and more, as the Holy Spirit leads you:

*Lord, we pray for the wisdom and discernment of our school counselors who, in normal times, are challenged with problems of the emotional well-being and safety of their students. During this pandemic, as problems escalate, we pray for this special group of caring educators to be able to reach out successfully to hurting students and give the guidance so needed. Fill them with wisdom and discernment for these unique situations and lead them to resources that will meet individuals' needs. Help those students to feel Your love for them through these provisions. (Gal. 6:2; Jas. 3:17)*

*Lord, God, we pray the curriculums taught will be in agreement with Your ways and pleasing to You. Don't allow anything to be taught that is not of You. (Rom 12:2; 2Cor10:5)*

*Lord, protect our children's hearts and minds from false teaching. Let all false teaching fall to the ground and not take root. Close the door that has in the past allowed people to teach things that undermine our children's faith.*

*Abba Father, thank You for bringing to light the people and situations in our history that have been hidden in the past. We are grateful to learn of leaders whose stories and situations are now being addressed and taught in our history books.*

*Let us not, Lord God, lose sight of the fact that our nation was founded on biblical principles and values. May history not be rewritten in a negative manner or facts removed to damage the understanding of God's influence on our history.*

*Lord, in this crisis time in education, grow each of us spiritually so we can share our witness in overcoming obstacles through a close walk with You. Let us turn to You first as we encounter difficulties, within the new parameters of schooling; and then season our speech with Your grace as we move about on social media and internet. Help us to think before we type. (Ps 139:13-15; James 5:13)*

*Lord, You have promised us that You would never leave us nor forsake us when we put our trust in You. We lift up to You the children whose safety and mental health are at risk because they live in unsafe situations, for without school as a safe haven, they may be living in prolonged fear. For these children unable to attend school, we ask You, Abba Father, to put a*

*hedge of protection around them, that no harm will come to them. (Deut 31:18; Is 41:10-13; Ps 82: 3-4; Eph 6:12; James 3:7: Rom 8:7)*

*Father, since bullying is a major problem in the formative years, whether in the classroom or online, give wisdom and discernment to the parents, teachers, and counselors who can help. Give those who are targets of bullying, the ability to see it for what it is. Teach those children who are bullied to first pray when they are in that situation and realize they are fearfully and wonderfully made by their Heavenly Father Who loves them regardless of the lies Satan wants them to believe. (Ps 139:13-15; James 5:13)*

“Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our person – but they are helpless against our prayer: Fellow Christians who love the cause of Christ – to prayer! To prayer! The times are calling us to it. We must press on.

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