

COVERED IN PRAYER

**Praying for Our Schools,
Students and Staff**

*“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous
man avails much.”*

James 5:16

The Students & School Staff I Am Praying For

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers."

Ephesians 1:16

Students:

Teachers & School Staff:

Schools:

As you use this guide, pray for these individuals by name and ask God to bring others to your heart throughout the school year.

1. OUR STUDENTS - Grow & Flourish

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Luke 2:52

Every student who walks through a school door carries hopes, fears, abilities, struggles, and needs. Pray that this school year will be about more than academic achievement—that our children and young people will grow in wisdom, character, relationships, and their understanding of God.

PRAY FOR...

- A love of learning and desire to grow.
- Wisdom to make good choices.
- Confidence to face new challenges.
- Healthy relationships with teachers and classmates.
- Perseverance when learning is difficult.
- Opportunities to discover and develop their gifts.
- Hearts that are open to God.

PRAYER: Father, watch over our students. Help them grow in wisdom and character. Give them courage for every challenge and surround them with people who will encourage them toward what is good and true. Amen.

2. TEACHERS - Wisdom & Strength

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...”

James 1:5

Teachers carry tremendous responsibility. Beyond teaching lessons, they encourage, correct, listen, protect, guide, and influence the lives of their students every day.

PRAY FOR...

- Wisdom for every decision.
- Patience for difficult moments.
- Compassion for the child who is struggling.
- Strength when they are weary.
- Good relationships with students and parents.
- Encouragement when their work feels unnoticed.
- Christian teachers to reflect Christ in all they do.

PRAYER: Father, strengthen our teachers. Give them wisdom beyond their own, patience for each child, and grace for every challenge. May their classrooms be places where students can learn, grow, and flourish. Amen.

3. ADMINISTRATORS & SCHOOL BOARDS - Wise Leadership

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Proverbs 2:6

Principals, administrators, and school board members make decisions that affect thousands of children, families, teachers, and employees. Ask God to give them wisdom that looks beyond immediate pressures and seeks what is truly best for those they serve.

PRAY FOR...

- Wisdom in difficult decisions.
- Integrity and honesty.
- Courage to do what is right.
- Willingness to listen to parents, teachers, and students.
- Unity where possible and grace in disagreement.
- Wise stewardship of school resources.
- Decisions that protect and benefit children.

PRAYER: Lord, give our school leaders wisdom, integrity, and discernment. Guide their decisions and help them remember the children and families affected by every choice they make. Amen.

4. PROTECTION - God's Watchful Care

"The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."

Psalm 121:8

Every morning, families entrust precious children to schools, buses, teachers, coaches, and staff. We can entrust them even more confidently into the watchful care of God.

PRAY FOR...

- Safety traveling to and from school.
- Protection from violence and physical harm.
- Protection from bullying and abuse.
- Wisdom for those responsible for school security.
- Alertness to potential dangers.
- Safe classrooms, playgrounds, buses, and activities.
- God's protection over students and staff throughout each day.

PRAYER: Father, place Your protecting hand over our schools. Guard every student and employee as they come and go. Give wisdom and alertness to those responsible for their safety, and expose anything that could bring harm. Amen.

5. STRUGGLING & HURTING STUDENTS - Help & Hope

“The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart...” Psalm 34:18

Some students enter school carrying burdens no child should have to carry. Others struggle academically, socially, or emotionally. Many of their needs may be invisible to everyone around them—but they are never invisible to God.

PRAY FOR...

- Students who feel lonely or rejected.
- Those struggling academically.
- Children facing difficulties at home.
- Students who are discouraged or afraid.
- Teachers who can recognize when a child needs help.
- Caring adults who will listen and respond.
- Every hurting child to know that he or she is seen and valued.

PRAYER: Lord, draw near to every struggling and hurting student. Bring caring people alongside them. Give teachers and families wisdom to recognize their needs, and fill discouraged hearts with help, hope, and the knowledge that they matter. Amen.

6. FRIENDSHIPS - Kindness & Belonging

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another...” Ephesians 4:32

Friendships can be one of the greatest joys—and greatest challenges—of school life. A kind word, an invitation to sit together, or one faithful friend can make an enormous difference in a child's day.

PRAY FOR...

- Healthy, encouraging friendships.
- Kindness toward students who are different or alone.
- Courage to stand against bullying.
- Students to choose friends wisely.
- Healing where friendships have been broken.
- Compassion for those who feel left out.
- Christian students to be welcoming and kind.

PRAYER: Father, help our students build friendships marked by kindness, loyalty, and respect. Give them courage to include the lonely, defend those being mistreated, forgive one another, and be the kind of friend they would want to have. Amen.

7. CHRISTIAN STUDENTS - Courage & Influence

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

Our Christian students enter a mission field every time they walk onto their school campus. They don't need to be loud or argumentative to make a difference. A life marked by Christ's love, truth, courage, and kindness can speak powerfully.

PRAY FOR...

- Courage to live what they believe.
- Wisdom when their faith is challenged.
- Kindness toward those who believe differently.
- Godly choices when they face peer pressure.
- Opportunities to share their faith.
- Christian friendships that strengthen them.
- Lives that consistently point others toward Jesus.

PRAYER: Lord, give our Christian students courage to follow You. May their words, choices, kindness, faith, and character reflect Jesus. Open doors for them to share their hope in You with grace and truth. Amen.

8. CHRISTIAN TEACHERS & STAFF - Light in the Classroom

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

Christian teachers and school employees have a unique opportunity to demonstrate Christ through the way they work and treat others. Their patience, integrity, compassion, excellence, and kindness can quietly shine His light every day.

PRAY FOR...

- Wisdom in living out their faith.
- Integrity in every responsibility.
- Patience and compassion toward students.
- Courage when situations are difficult.
- Opportunities to encourage those who are hurting.
- Favor and good relationships with coworkers.
- Their lives to make Christ attractive to others.

PRAYER: Father, strengthen every Christian serving in our schools. Help them work with excellence and treat others with grace. May the character of Christ be clearly seen through their words, attitudes, choices, and actions. Amen.

9. TRUTH & WISDOM - Discerning What Is Right

“Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.” Proverbs 23:23

Students encounter countless ideas and messages—from classrooms, friends, entertainment, and social media. They need more than information; they need wisdom and discernment to recognize what is true and choose what is right.

PRAY FOR...

- Minds that seek truth.
- Wisdom to recognize what is false.
- Discernment about what they hear and see.
- Courage to stand for what is right.
- Teachers who value truth and integrity.
- Parents to have meaningful conversations with their children.
- God's Word to shape the hearts and minds of believing students.

PRAYER: God of truth, give our students wisdom and discernment. Teach them to examine what they hear, recognize what is true, reject what is false, and have courage to choose what is right. Amen

10. FAMILIES - Strong Partnerships

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...” Deuteronomy 6:6–7

A child's education does not begin or end at the school door. Parents and caregivers have tremendous influence in shaping character, values, attitudes, and faith. Healthy cooperation between families and schools can help children thrive.

PRAY FOR...

- Wisdom for parents and caregivers.
- Patience during busy school days.
- Good communication between families and teachers.
- Parents to remain involved in their children's lives.
- Peace and stability in students' homes.
- Strength for single parents and struggling families.
- Christian families to make God's Word central in their homes.

PRAYER: Father, strengthen the families represented in our schools. Give parents wisdom, patience, and grace. Build healthy relationships between home and school, and help families create places where children are loved, guided, encouraged, and taught what is true. Amen.

11. EVERY PERSON WHO SERVES - Seen & Strengthened

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.” Colossians 3:23

A school depends on far more people than those standing in classrooms. Bus drivers, custodians, cooks, aides, counselors, nurses, secretaries, coaches, substitutes, and volunteers all help create an environment where children can learn and flourish.

PRAY FOR...

- Bus drivers transporting children safely.
- Custodians providing clean and safe schools.
- Cooks preparing and serving meals.
- Counselors and nurses caring for students' needs.
- Paraeducators and aides assisting struggling students.
- Office staff handling countless daily responsibilities.
- Coaches, substitutes, volunteers, and other support personnel.
- Encouragement for those whose work often goes unnoticed.

PRAYER: Lord, bless every person who serves our schools. Strengthen those whose work happens quietly and may often go unnoticed. Help them see the value of what they do and the difference a kind word or caring action can make in a child's life. Amen.

12. A GENERATION FOR GOD - Hope for the Future

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people...” 1 Peter 2:9

When we look at the students in our schools, we are looking at a generation that will become tomorrow's parents, teachers, pastors, missionaries, leaders, neighbors, and servants. More importantly, we see young lives deeply loved by God and in need of Jesus Christ.

PRAY FOR...

- Young hearts to be drawn to Jesus.
- Students to encounter Christians who faithfully represent Christ.
- Opportunities for the Gospel to be shared.
- Christian ministries serving students to flourish.
- Young believers to grow deep roots in God's Word.
- God to raise up future pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders.
- This generation to know, love, worship, and faithfully follow Christ.

PRAYER: Father, we place this generation before You. Draw young hearts to Jesus. Raise up students who love Your Word, walk in truth, serve others, and courageously follow You. May this generation declare Your goodness and carry the Gospel into the generations that follow. Amen.

KEEP PRAYING

The first day of school will pass. Backpacks will become worn, schedules will become routine, and another school year will quickly fill with activities and responsibilities. But our prayers do not have to stop.

Keep this guide where you will see it. Choose one section each day or one each week. Pray for the students and school employees you know by name. Pray for the schools in our community.

And whenever you see a school bus, drive past a school, hear children playing on a playground, or talk with a teacher, allow it to become a simple reminder:

COVER THEM IN PRAYER.

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2

