

Prayer Guide for Back-to-School

The prayer prompts below are offered as helpful ways to pray. There are four sections which can be prayed out loud with a group or just read quietly on your own. With four areas, you could also imagine yourself surrounding the school or the ISD with your prayers, or you could literally go there to walk around the school as you lift up your prayers. In the end, it's not as much about the where or the when we pray. The important piece is *that we pray*! Thank you for praying for the students, teachers, administrators and staff.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

Holy God, King of glory, we praise you that you are on this campus and will remain here at all times. We pray your presence is felt here and in the homes of students who are not yet back to campus for learning. We pray your Spirit will guide all who will lead, teach, and care for these students -- including principals, teachers, nurses, counselors, and other support staff. May they always act in the best interest of the students. By your grace, help the students discover who you created them to be, the gifts you have given them, and what purpose you intend for their lives.

[If others are praying with you, consider closing it this way]

Leader: LORD...

All Respond: ...hear our prayer. AMEN

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PROTECTION

Lord, as our shield, thank you for spreading your protection over these students. We praise you for being their mighty fortress. No one is exempt from trials in this world, and we don't know the difficulties they will face each day, but you do. Be present with them; come quickly to their rescue and be their rock of refuge. May your Spirit protect this campus from viruses and illness so that learning, growth, and development may occur uninhibited. Protect them physically, emotionally and spiritually so they can realize their full potential and understand their great worth. Guard them from depression and surround them with good friends who will speak truth of their high value. We pray for safety on this campus at all times. Strengthen security and awareness and keep all those who intend harm from entering.

Leader: LORD...

All Respond: ...hear our prayer. AMEN

PRAYING FOR GOD'S LEADERSHIP

Loving God, we thank you for this school district and for this school. We pray that the students will receive positive values and supportive guidance from the leaders at this school. Pour out your Spirit on these leaders and make your Word known to them. Light in them a desire to do what is right in your sight. We pray for peace and harmony among staff. We ask that you give teachers gentle words of truth to build up their students and their character. We pray that the parents of the students would be present and active in their children's education. We pray all administration, teachers and parents are guided and formed by wisdom and love.

Leader: LORD...

All Respond: ...hear our prayer. AMEN

PRAYING FOR GOD'S GLORY

Merciful God, let your glory be revealed at this school. As you continue to complete the good work you have begun in these students, we pray they will find joy in life at school, either through academics, sports, music or other activities. We pray that you will continue to reveal yourself -- your power, your mercy and your love -- and that more students and staff will choose to be examples of Christ to those around them. This be seen and experienced in conduct, in word, in love and in faith. Lord, may the faithful children within this school be a light on their campus, letting your light shine so that others might see their good works and believe in you.

Leader: LORD...

All Respond: ...hear our prayer. AMEN