

Support Staff/Others

- **Pray** for office personnel, bookkeepers, teacher's aides, etc. Pray they will know how vital their work is to the success of the school.
- **Pray** for guidance counselors within our schools. Pray they will be welcoming and offer a safe place where students can confide. Pray for compassion for the students they counsel and discernment in offering guidance that is in the best interest of the student.
- **Pray** for bus drivers and the responsibility of transporting students to and from school. Pray for alertness, freedom from distractions, and an extra measure of safety.
- **Pray** for school nurses in the care they provide for students who are ill. Pray for compassion and discernment in student healthcare.
- **Pray** for librarians as they work to encourage reading and instill a lifelong love of books and learning.
- **Pray** for cafeteria workers as they provide nourishment to students and encourage them to make healthy decisions in the food they eat.
- **Pray** for teachers who are extracurricular club sponsors as they go above and beyond to provide opportunities for students to be a part of. Pray they will be strong, positive influences as they cultivate students' skills and interests. In addition, pray for athletic coaches who do the same and also encourage teamwork and sportsmanship.

Homeschool Students and Families

- **Pray** these same requests over these students and families as they establish an environment of learning within the home.
- **Pray** for families in the management of their home and the unique challenges that arise in terms of schooling within it.
- **Pray** for strong, healthy relationships amongst parents, children, and siblings and a bond of unity as they learn together.

College and Graduate Students

- **Pray** these same requests over these students and their professors.
- **Pray** for students who are away from home and dealing with homesickness, especially college freshmen.
- **Pray** for believers to grow in their relationship with Christ and to stay active in church and grounded in their faith during this time.
- **Pray** for collegiate ministries, collegiate church plants, and their leaders as they seek to impact their respective campuses for Christ.



Prayer Guide for Our Local Schools



Our local schools are at the heart of our community, and they play a vital role in educating, impacting, influencing, and shaping the lives of children. In this day and age, those within our schools need our prayers more than ever, and we encourage you to take the time to lift them up on a daily basis throughout the upcoming school year. Please pray for:

Students

- **Pray** for any anxiety they may experience, especially as it relates to the start of a new school year.
- **Pray** that they would have an eagerness and willingness to learn, be attentive during class, and have a strong focus on their studies.
- **Pray** for students who sometimes struggle in their studies or have learning disabilities.
- **Pray** for their relationships with teachers, parents, and fellow students. Pray that they would have respect for those in authority and be filled with care and compassion for others.
- **Pray** that students will develop and strengthen the qualities related to character education (respect, responsibility, citizenship, caring, honesty, perseverance, courage, fairness, and integrity).
- **Pray** for their extracurricular involvement in sports, clubs, music, etc. Pray that they would find an activity they are passionate about and cultivate friendships and learn valuable life lessons through their participation.
- **Pray** for their safety and protection from any harm (illness, bullying, accidents, negative peer pressure, etc.).
- **Pray** for students who are believers. Pray that they would be light within their schools. Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower them to live holy lives and share the gospel and love of Jesus without fear.
- **Pray** for students who are not believers. Pray that they would come to know Jesus Christ personally as their Savior and Lord.

Teachers

- **Pray** as they work to decorate and establish their classrooms, especially at the beginning of a new school year. Pray they will successfully create a welcoming and fun learning environment.

Teachers continued...

- **Pray** that they will not become overwhelmed or stressed with the pressures and demands of teaching. Pray they will have strength to cope and not become discouraged and lose their passion and love for students.
- **Pray** that they will be granted wisdom in how best to teach and encourage each student individually. Pray that they will be able to meet each and every student where they are academically.
- **Pray** for discernment in how to deal with any problems that arise. Pray they will be able to solve them easily, seek additional advice and counsel when needed, and that proper discipline and correction will be used in terms of behavioral issues.
- **Pray** for the many relationships they have with students, parents, administrators, fellow teachers, and others. Pray that they will develop and maintain healthy working relationships with each.
- **Pray** for guidance in preparing lesson plans and inspiration for new and creative ways to teach academics.
- **Pray** for them to be open to and grasp opportunities for teachable life moments and lessons. Pray for them to realize that education is not always strictly about subject matter.
- **Pray** for student teachers and new teachers in their first year in the classroom. Pray they will have confidence in their ability to teach and maintain their initial enthusiasm. Pray they will be open to instruction and encouragement from veteran teachers, and likewise, pray that veteran teachers will be willing to come alongside new teachers and take on a mentoring role with them.
- **Pray** for teachers who are believers to show the love of Christ to each person they come in contact with, but especially to each of their students. Pray for student-initiated conversations and opportunities to share the gospel.
- **Pray** for teachers who are not believers. Pray that they would come to know Jesus Christ personally as their Savior and Lord.

Parents/Guardians/Families

- **Pray** that they would take an active role and be fully involved in the life of their child, but especially in regards to their education.
- **Pray** they will be diligent in providing assistance with their child's studies and homework assignments. Pray that if they are unable to meet these needs themselves that they would seek outside help in the form of tutoring and would have the means to provide for it.

Parents/Guardians/Families continued...

- **Pray** for those who may put too much pressure and expectation on their child. Pray they will provide a healthy balance and encourage their child to simply try their hardest and do their best.
- **Pray** that they will be actively involved in their child's school and seek out ways to support the school. Pray they will also back and support their child's teacher and school administrators.
- **Pray** they will develop and strengthen relationships with their child and their child's teacher throughout the course of the year.
- **Pray** for a healthy home life for these children and their families. Pray that barriers to providing a positive home environment will be broken down and overcome (physical, social, financial, etc.).
- **Pray** for the worries and apprehensions they may experience in regards to their child. Pray especially at the beginning of the school year for parents of kindergarten students and older students who will begin at a new school. Pray that God will calm and take away fears related to their child's safety and wellbeing, relationships with friends, academic success and learning ability, behavior, etc.
- **Pray** for those who are believers to create a Christ-centered home. Pray they will teach their children the Word of God, pray with and for them, encourage their children to live godly lives, and lead by example.
- **Pray** for parents, guardians, and families of students who are not believers. Pray they would come to know Jesus Christ personally as their Savior and Lord. Also, pray for children who are the only believers in their home. Pray they will be a light to their family.

Administration

- **Pray** for the many decisions they must make in terms of education. Pray they will seek wise counsel and make godly decisions which are in the best interest of both students and teachers.
- **Pray** they will build strong, healthy relationships with teachers, staff, personnel, and students. Pray they will be servant leaders and be open to feedback and suggestions from those they serve.
- **Pray** they will be an encouragement to both students and teachers. Pray they will look for new and creative ways to be as such and and take hold of opportunities to edify and lift them up.
- **Pray** that they will have the ability to create a unified environment within their school. Pray for a tight-knit community to be in place and for morale to be high amongst all teachers and staff.

