



# GUIDE

## prayer walk for educators

GO AT YOUR OWN PACE | DAWN TO DUSK

*THANK YOU for joining us in expressing love for our communities through prayer!*

This self-guided experience is a great reminder that God invites us to play a part in His plan to heal and redeem.

As you prepare your heart and soul to intercede for these good people, here are a few reminders and resources, if you want to go deeper.

**Are children joining you?** There's some information in here for them, too.

- **Most will walk, but...**

*It's okay to sit, stand, stroll, ride or roll - whatever helps you focus on the school and on your prayers.*

- **Check School Policy & Calendar**

*Most public school outdoor facilities are available from dawn to dusk when not in use. Find a time when no school-related activities are happening.*

- **Invite a Friend (or a few!)**

*In times of crisis, many will be open to prayer. Could this start a chain reaction in someone's life?*

- **In the spirit of Matthew 6:5-6**

*Be considerate and respectful of others when praying.*



"Don't worry.  
Instead of  
worrying, pray."

Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down.

It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Phillipians 4:6-7

# why we pray

There are things in this world bigger than we are and **God invites us to play a part in His plan to heal and redeem.** When we call upon His name, He hears us.

# when you pray

## PREPARE YOUR HEART

- Take a moment to be still and surrender the moment to God.
- Think about physical spaces (classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, gym, nurse/counselor's office, etc.) and the different people and activities associated with those areas.

**LET GOD LEAD.** There is no wrong way to pray but if you need inspiration, enclosed are a few samples.

**WRAP UP** with a prayer of gratitude.

## MARK THE MOMENT

One way - snap a photo of the school and:

- Use it as a reminder that God is faithful
- Share it with a friend along with an encouraging word
- Post to inspire and tag [#LoveASchool](#)

*Dear Father,*

You are a good and gracious Father, full of compassion towards Your children.

We know that You hear us and You care. We thank you for the opportunity to pray for these people who have blessed us, our children and our community.

We now trust in Your goodness and faithfulness and commit these requests to You. In Jesus' name, Amen

# tips for kids

Watch this [video](#) together and learn how they like to talk to God.

Let them lead (or read) a prayer at some point in your walk.

If your child attends the school, include their name(s) in a prayer.

Get them thinking with questions, like:

- What grown ups do they know at school? (try to go beyond teachers)
- What do you like about them?
- What do you wish was different?
- Does God care about them? Us?
- What can we do? (Pray!)

# SAMPLE PRAYERS

FOR INSPIRATION  
OR TO READ

## TEACHERS

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*Dear God,*

We thank you for our teachers here. Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return.

Give them grace as they help students who are struggling, the courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak.

When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.

*Father,*

This is the day You have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. It doesn't look like we thought it would, nor will tomorrow and the days to come likely be what we expected and prepared for.

Teachers are some of the most selfless, giving, caring individuals in our world. They are needed, appreciated, and loved. They do so much behind the scenes where no one even sees.

Give help when they are weary, give grace when they feel they've reached the limit, give peace when they feel overwhelmed.

May the hope of Jesus Christ be with every educator. Because it is through the hope of Jesus, we can be assured somewhere, sometime, somehow, there is light at the end of this dark tunnel. You know their needs, Father. You know the heart of every teacher. Be their guide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



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## SUPERINTENDENTS PRINCIPALS ADMINISTRATORS

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Lord,

We pray this BIG and BOLD prayer... Please place your loving arms around our school administrators. Please protect them against negativity. Their jobs are stressful enough and with the addition of the pandemic the challenges are even greater.

I pray that the Holy Spirit works in their hearts, turning them to You for guidance.

I pray their students and staff feel loved and supported.

I pray their school community communicates with the building staff with an abundance of grace.

Lord, remind everyone who has the responsibility of educating our children to provide lessons in an enthusiastic and nurturing manner whether virtually or in person. We know building loving relationships are a crucial foundation for a successful school year and the pandemic is making this difficult to accomplish.

I pray when adults and students begin their day each interaction begins with the desire to listen and learn respectively from one another.

I pray, at the end of the day Lord, that our administrators have the energy to go home and give their families the love and attention they need.

I pray our administrators are taking care of their own mental and physical health.

We feel Your presence more more than ever in these uncertain times and we are so grateful for Your unconditional love. It is in Your almighty name we pray. Amen

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## CUSTODIANS FACILITIES

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*Dear God,*

We ask that you give our custodians an extra helping of energy and stamina. Much will be asked of them with this pandemic.

They will be on the front lines of the battle to fight this virus. They will be working hard to sanitize our schools and churches and places of business so that the rest of us can be protected. Please protect them from the virus so they can in turn protect us.

## ADDITIONAL STAFF

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*Dear wise and loving Father,*

Thank you for the many you call to serve in positions often ignored. Thank you for the patience, the discipline, and the loyalty of these staff members.

May they work with confidence that they do make a difference, not only for the students but the teachers.

Hear their prayers for the students in their care.  
Hear their prayers for the teachers that they work alongside.

Guide each of us to serve them, to lighten their load, and to thank them for their work.

We entrust them to you for their welfare, In the name of God, the Father, of Jesus Christ, his son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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