

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDE

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PRAYER FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL:

"Heavenly Father, I ask that You give students courage this school year. Help them to be strong in Your mighty power. Give them the courage to do what's right, knowing that they worship a living God. We pray that You would surround our students with friends who will love them, encourage them, sharpen them, uplift them, and offer them Your Word in times of need. We also ask that You help students be a good friend to others; to be salt and light in our dark world. Father God, thank You for giving us Your Word to be a lamp unto our feet and light for our path. I pray students would walk in integrity while at school. Keep them secure in Your love, and grow their conviction to do what's right no matter the pressure. In Jesus' name, amen."

"If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."
Jeremiah 29:13 NLT

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
Ephesians 6:10 NIV



Elementary School:

- Courage to do the right things
- Friendships that will encourage their faith
- Calm any anxiety or fears (#1 issue among elementary schools)
- That God will protect their hearts and minds
- That they will have the ability to discern truth
- A growing passion to know Jesus more
- Guard them from temptation
- That they will be leaders among their peers
- Keep them filled with joy as they learn
- Help them to live their faith out loud

Middle School:

- Making the right friends
- Students whose parents are getting divorced
- Taking ownership of their faith
- Learning to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit
- Starting Campus Bible Clubs
- Anxiety, depression, suicide (the highest growing age bracket for suicide is ages 10-14)
- Addiction: social media, pornography, substance
- A new wave of Holy Spirit baptisms

High School:

- Anxiety, depression
- Bible engagement and prayer habits
- Clarity on issues like sexuality and identity (a biblical view on the topics)
- Safety as they become more independent and start driving cars
- Sports, athletics, and other extracurricular teams: dealing with the pressure
- Developing a daily prayer schedule
- Responding to the CALL into ministry
- Addiction: social media, pornography, substance
- A new wave of Holy Spirit baptisms