

# 20 PRAYERS TO PRAY FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL



## 1 PROTECTION OVER CAMPUSES

Father, I lift every school campus up to you today. I pray against the unseen enemy that is fighting for the eyes, ears, hearts, and minds of our children.

Holy Spirit, I call upon You to cover each school with Your truth, with Your love. Protect the minds, bodies, and hearts of our precious children and I boldly ask you to spoil every plan of the enemy today. Ephesians 6:12

## 2 TEACHERS

Father, thank you for teachers and this amazing gift you have given them. Be in their homes and touch the lives of their families. Draw these men and women to you and strengthen them in your love and truth. Grant them insight into the hearts of our children.

Refresh them as they invest in our precious children. Bless our teachers with joy in their work and peace in their homes. Proverbs 11:25

## 3 ADMINISTRATION & SCHOOL BOARD

Father, place godly, wise people in and on the path of those in school leadership. Let our local school leadership be informed by Biblical truth. Soften hardened hearts that resist You.

Give me and the Christians in our community wisdom in policy, the strength to stand for what is right, and the grace to serve. James 3:17

## 4 COACHES

Father, I pray that every coach be refueled and encouraged to press on to the roles You have placed before them. May Your Spirit and Your Word be their guiding force that equips them to lead, love, and serve well.

May their families and marriages be protected and strengthened throughout this school year as they focus on impacting the next generation. Give them new strength and wisdom beyond their own to see what You need them to see in each of the players. Titus 2:6-8

## 5 COUNSELORS

Father, send your Holy Spirit into the counseling rooms at our schools. Even if the counselor doesn't believe in you, make their counsel align with your Truth. Give our counselors insight into the hearts and minds of our kids.

Through your Spirit, remind these men and women who help hurting children that You are the way, truth, and life and equip them to be able to show your light in the dark places. Psalm 1:1-2

## 6 ELEMENTARY

Thank you Father for every Elementary teacher and administrator that creates a safe, fun, and creative atmosphere for these young students to grow. I ask that no student goes unseen.

May they feel Your presence throughout their days and grow a love for learning. Open the eyes and hearts of those who love You to see the students who need to feel known and loved. Psalm 9:10

## 7 JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Father, as these students enter a season of so much change may they grasp how You and Your Word are their steady rock. May Your Spirit equip every student and staff member who know Your Truth to be bright lights in all they do.

Protect and set them apart so that opportunities open for them to share Your love to those who are hurting. Ephesians 3: 16-19

## 8 HIGH SCHOOL

Oh Father, be in our high schools. Holy Spirit, infiltrate every hallway, classroom, bathroom stall, locker, hidden corner, phone, and computer.

The enemy is hard at work in the lives of our youths. We proclaim your goodness over them. Bring holy revival and hope to every high school so their minds and hearts have the opportunity to be captivated by Your love. Colossians 2:8

## 9 SUBSTITUTES

Father, we lift up our substitute teachers. As they prepare for their day, bless their morning so they arrive with joy and the energy needed to tackle the day.

As they fill the gaps, give them resilience and insight as they deal with many unknowns and kids who will try especially hard to test boundaries. We thank you for these men and women who are willing to step-in and tackle hard things on behalf of our children. Proverbs 1:4

## 10 ALL STAFF

Thank you Father for all who work at our schools. Every role that is fulfilled is of great importance. May the front office staff, the cafeteria workers, the janitors, and maintenance crews all feel appreciated for the needs they each meet.

Renew their strength every morning and use each of them for Your glory throughout the days. Colossians 3:23

## 11 BUS DRIVERS

Father, thank you for every school bus driver. Grant them focus and protection as they provide safe transportation. But even more importantly grant them eyes to see and ears to hear what You need them to, so they may create a healthy atmosphere. May their hearts be filled with Your love so that it pours out into every student that steps into their bus.

Reveal to each driver the impact they have by beginning and ending these students' school day with an encouraging smile. Philipians 4:13

## 12 MENTORS

Father, thank you for all who are willing to be mentors within the schools to not only the students but to the teachers and coaches as well.

May they wake up each day eager to serve and lead by example for all who You have entrusted to them. Empower their efforts by Your Spirit to impact generations to come. 1 Peter 5:2-3

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## 13 PARENTS OF KINDERGARTENERS

Father, please shower all kindergarten students and their parents with peace and joy as they begin this new journey.

Prepare their young minds so they are excited to learn and grow. May their days at school feel like a safe home away from home where they are loved and protected by their teachers. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

## 14 PARENTS OF SENIORS

Father, stand before, behind, and beside all seniors and their parents. This year will bring so many decisions, fun memories, pressures, fear, and uncertainty about the future.

Grant senior parents the wisdom and patience needed to enjoy every moment of this last year trusting You hold their future. Proverbs 16:9

## 15 HOMESCHOOLER

Father, fill each school at home with your Holy Spirit. Guide mom and dad as they teach and mentor their children not only in their education, but in their faith.

Weed out any distractions and strengthen each family that has chosen this path. Isaiah 26:3-4

## 16 PRESCHOOLERS

Father, we lift up our little ones. Fill their time with sweet discovery. Give them the teachers and helpers that will guide them in creativity, wonder, and faith.

As these sweet children learn about the world, let every discovery point to You! Let their eyes and hearts find You in every new thing. Luke 18:16

## 17 COLLEGE STUDENTS & CAMPUSES

Father, I lift up the students on all college campuses. In a space where intellect is held in high esteem, may the knowledge of You and Your Truth be brought to light.

Bring revival in these places of higher learning and strengthen the faithful followers of Christ on every campus. Proverbs 2:6

## 18 TESTING

Father, into Your hands we submit our students and teachers and ask that You would be with them all in not only their testing, but in the preparation leading to the test.

May Your peace replace every anxiety and the pressures that come their way.

Grant teachers with the insight and patience needed and every student with wisdom and confidence. Philippians 4:6-7

## 19 FRIENDSHIPS

Father, You created us for community and companionship. I ask today that friendships would develop this school year that change the atmosphere for Your glory!

May every student grasp how much they are known and loved by You above all so they are equipped to love and forgive as they walk through whatever this year will bring them.

I thank you today for restoring and healing relationships that only You can do. I trust You will help remove any unhealthy ties and connect those together who will sharpen each other. 1 Corinthians 15:33

## 20 COMPETITIONS

Father, thank you for all academic, athletic, and music competitions within our schools that give our students the opportunities to showcase their gifts and talents that You have given them.

Grant the coaches and teachers that are leading these teams the wisdom needed to position each student to succeed.

Equip those who follow You to have a boldness this year that pours out of them making Your love known.

May Your presence be in every locker room, band hall, and competition day leading to true victories. Colossians 3:23

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