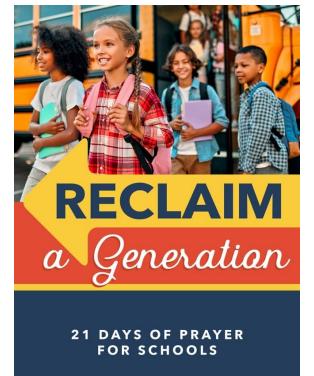


# 7 DAYS OF PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

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#### DAY 1: EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. ... 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. 18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. [Proverbs 8:10-11, 17-18 NIV]

Father, we lift before You the schools across our nation, from kindergartens to universities. We pray they will adhere to high standards that will properly equip students for their next steps in career and in life.

o We ask that You pour out a love of learning and a hunger for knowledge, and ignite in our students a drive for academic success. Give them a deep desire to seek godly wisdom and its blessings. We pray they will value their education and be so motivated that they would let nothing stand in the way of graduating! May they be lifelong learners who excel in their respective fields.

o We will trust You for fresh, innovative solutions from heaven at both the state and local levels in how to raise our graduation rates and increase competency in academics. We need future leaders who are well-equipped for the task. May we educate and equip our students in a way that empowers them to thrive.

#### **DAY 2: TRUTH IN CURRICULA**

## 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. [Colossians 2:8 NIV]

Lord, we ask that You shine Your light upon our schools and drive out all darkness, spiritual blindness, perversion of truth, and hostility toward You and Your truth.

o We pray that all attempts to use curricula in our schools as a way to disciple our young people in humanism, moral relativism, and other godless ideologies would be *fully exposed and* stopped. We pray that our education system would honor You.

o We ask You to raise up godly men and women to be on textbook selection committees for every school district in our nation. We ask for teachers and school boards to select curriculum that preserves our godly heritage as a nation.

## DAY 3: PHYSICAL HEALTH, EMOTIONAL/MENTAL WELL-BEING, AND SAFETY

2 Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. [3 John 1:2 NIV]

> 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. [1 Peter 5:7 NIV]

# 9 If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; [Psalm 91:9-11 NIV]

Father, we pray for the physical health, *emotional/mental* well-being, and safety of all students.

o In Jesus' name, we declare that the mental, emotional, **and spiritual** well-being of students will not be defined by what others say about them, nor will it be defined by what they think of themselves! We declare **that they are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of their Creator and their identity in Christ shall prevail. This will lead to a life of** contentment, confidence, self-love, generosity, kindness, and joy. We ask that students will have the boldness to step away from social media when they **sense** it is harmful, even when it is not the popular choice to do so.

o God, we pray You would keep our school campuses safe from anyone with ill intent who would seek to bring harm through shooting or other forms of terror and violence. Equip every school with frontline workers who would have eyes out for "wolves" who would in any way harm the students, *staff, or teachers.* 

## DAY 4: HOLINESS- UNDERSTANDING IDENTITY, GENDER, & SEXUALITY

## 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. [Genesis 1:27 NIV]

Lord, we recognize we do not battle against mere flesh and blood, but against spiritual powers in heavenly places. There is a spiritual agenda to destroy the innocence and purity of our children, to corrupt them and lead them down the wrong path with regard to their God-given sexuality and identity.

o We take authority in Jesus' name over every wicked spirit that brings these messages of corruption, perversion, and immorality to our precious children. This day, we ask for Your deliverance for our schools and children from these enemy forces.

o We pray that laws for curriculum transparency would be enacted in every state. We pray that teachers, school boards, administrators, and counselors would be required (and held accountable) to notify parents regarding surveys offered to students, books to be read, or speakers that will be coming in. We pray all deception and efforts made in secrecy to influence and corrupt our children would be exposed and brought into the light, in Jesus name.

o Lord, we pray for our children, that Your Spirit would fill them with a desire and value for purity. Help them to stand strong against peer pressure, the lies of the enemy, and our culture. Give them courage and strength not to give into temptation, but to look for and seize the way of escape that You always provide.

## DAY 5: THE CHURCH- ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." [Matthew 9:37-38 NIV]

# 29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." [Acts 4:29-30 NIV]

Thank You, Lord, for Your prophetic promise that we are on the verge of one of the greatest revivals and spiritual awakenings ever... We pray that we, the *American church, will continue to humble ourselves and pray so that we can seize this opportunity* to see the glory of God and another Great Awakening as seen in earlier centuries. As we stand in faith before You for these promises, we obey Your command to pray fervently that You would send workers into our schools and universities where the harvest is indeed plentiful.

o We fervently pray You would awaken the "sleeping giant" of Your Church, and that believers would become actively engaged in children's and youth ministries, their local schools, and our education system. Help us see this harvest field in our own backyards and find meaningful ways to serve and reach the next generation.

o We pray for the young student evangelists **and christian leaders** in our schools. We ask for You to remove all fear of their peers, and any compromise and intimidation. We pray they would walk in an anointing to preach the gospel with power, and that they would see a flood of undeniable healings and miracles when they pray for others. Show them creative ideas to reach out to their classmates with the message of hope and the love of Jesus.

# DAY 6: HOMESCHOOLS & CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

# 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [2 Timothy 3:15 NIV]

# 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ... 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. [John 17:15, 17 NIV]

Lord, we thank You for every private Christian school, college, preschool, and every godly homeschool in our state. Thank You for the parents, teachers and families who are hard at work educating the next generation in excellence and with a biblical worldview.

o We invite Your manifest presence to come to these classrooms and homes and ask for a great move of God among students, parents, teachers, and **administrators**. We pray for true revival to come to our Christian schools and homeschool families with a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that would impact **our Nation**.

o We ask You, Jehovah Jireh, for a great financial blessing to come to each of these and pray that You would reward and bless them for their commitment and sacrifice: to the teacher in a Christian school often with a smaller paycheck, to students paying tuition fees, and to the parents who experience a loss of income to stay home and teach their children. We ask for dramatic financial breakthroughs for Christian schools and colleges as they make decisions in the face of monetary challenges. May decisions be made in the fear of the Lord and with great wisdom, as You guide them in the days ahead.

#### DAY 7: TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

# 1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. [James 3:1 NIV]

#### 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. [2 Timothy 2:24 NIV]

Father, we are deeply grateful for our nation's school teachers & administrators! Thank You for their willingness to serve the next generation and for the personal sacrifice so many make as they go above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of their students.

o Lord, raise up more teachers **and administrators** who will see the education field as a ministry field. Increase the supply of educators with godly, qualified individuals who have a passion for learning and for the next generation. Bring alongside them qualified volunteers, parents, and support staff who will make their job easier.

o We bless our teachers and administrators in the name of the Lord and ask for health and Your abundant blessing on their families, and most of all, that they would know and serve You. Keep our teachers and administrators safe and keep them healthy.

o We pray for any teacher or administrator who is exhausted from the day-to-day job stress and has lost vision and enthusiasm. Fulfill Your Word, that You "fully satisfy the needs of those who are weary and fully refresh the souls of those who are faint." Jeremiah 31:25

## **CLOSING PRAYER: RECLAIMING A GENERATION**

# 1 Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. 2 Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. [Psalm 112:1-2 NIV]

# 16 This is what the LORD says: "Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the LORD. "They [your children] will return from the land of the enemy. 17 So there is hope for your descendants," declares the LORD. "Your children will return to their own land. [Jeremiah 31:16-17 NIV]

Father, we praise You that You have heard every prayer during these past 7 days as we have cried out to You on behalf of our students, teachers, administrators, schools, and Your church. We ask that You would be glorified, that You would be exalted over our schools and over every power and principality that would seek to influence and infiltrate our education system with the purpose to deceive and destroy the next generation.

Reveal Yourself and Your ways in undeniable and sovereign acts. Empower and equip our children to fulfill their sovereign purpose according to the highest plans of God. Give this emerging generation vision and a sense of purpose regarding their future. Raise up ones who will lead the way for righteousness and justice, in every mountain of cultural influence. May they, like David, fulfill the purpose of God in their generation! In Jesus name, AMEN.