

## **Prayer Focus: Back to School**

As Summer starts to make the turn towards Fall it's time for our students to head back to the classroom! As they return, we as a church family want to pray for our students, parents, teachers and administration over the next few weeks. Please join with us as every campus comes together to pray into the following themes. Also, let us know how you see God answering prayers on your campus!

Here are the themes for this coming week!

### **1: Pray for Our Students**

*Scriptures: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;*

*I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8*

*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6*

Thank you Heavenly Father, for our students; thank you that you have created each of them with a distinct purpose and plan for your Kingdom. We ask that you open their minds and hearts so that they can gain truth and knowledge. We ask too that you would help each student stay grounded in your truth as they learn and grow in each subject. We pray that they would grow to know you better this year and you would help them balance their education and their faith and that both could grow together. Protect our students from any fear and anxiety and give them your peace each day. Amen

### **2: Our Teachers**

*Scripture: "Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still, teach the righteous and they will add to their learning." Proverbs 9:9*

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Father, we thank you for our teachers, please give them strength and perseverance this coming school year for all they need to do and accomplish each day. We ask that you bless them with your wisdom and creativity as they impart knowledge to our students. Encourage them in the hard places and show them your grace and mercy in all situations. Grant them great favor and godly influence in all they say and do. We ask too for unity and comradery among the staff throughout the school year, that it would be a great atmosphere in which to work everyday. Amen

### **3: Our Principles & Administrators**

*Scripture:* "My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3

Father, we lift up our principles and school administrators, we are grateful for those that you have raised up to serve and care for our students and teachers. We pray that you fill them with your grace and humility. Give them the gifts of wisdom, understanding and compassion as they lead their staffs. Amen

### **4: Pray for Parents**

*Scripture:* "Start you children off on the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it."

Thank you Father for our parents. We lift them up to you and ask that as we head into the school year you will encourage and strengthen each one by your spirit. Give them your wisdom, gentleness and self-control as they raise their children in the way they should go. Give them consistent patience and understanding that comes only from you. Finally, let them know and feel your love and affirmation in all they do. Amen

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### **5: Protection Over All**

*Scripture: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread you protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy." Psalm 5:11*

Thank you Father, that as we give praise and worship to you, we ask your divine protection over our students, teachers, administrators and all staff as they return to school. Watch over their coming and going and protect them from every snare of the enemy. Rescue them from all disease and illness and keep them from all evil. Bring each one home safely each day! Amen