



Today, more than ever, our schools need our prayers. Whether you pray by yourself or gather a group to pray with you, remember that prayer is doing something! Our educators, administrators and students need the prayers of the Christians in their schools.

Most importantly, by praying, you can remind others to pray as well for continuing needs, such as:

- Students who have difficult home lives.
- Pressure to pass standardized tests.
- Cuts in funding.
- Public perception that schools aren't doing enough.
- Low salaries for teachers.
- Kids who aren't prepared for school.
- School bullying.
- Dealing with Social Media.

### **Ten Prayers for Public Schools.**

1. **Love** – “Father, may the students and staff of our public schools experience your love through the Christians they know in profound and authentic ways” (**John 13:35**)
2. **Truth** – “Lord, release truth in the schools. Help students to rightly discern truth and not believe false teaching” (**Proverbs 23:23**)
3. **School board** – “I pray blessings on each school board member. Father, may your will be done at the board meetings (**Romans 13:1**)
4. **Principal** – to walk in wisdom, integrity, grace and truth” (**Proverbs 2:1-11**)
5. **Failing students** – “Lord, I ask you to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Protect them from feelings of worthlessness and shame” (**1 Thessalonians 5:14**)

6. **Violence** – “Lord, stay the hand of violence against the children and staff of this school. Dismantle any plan to bring harm to them. Expose any weapon brought into the school premises and render it harmless” (**Psalm 34:7; 54:1**)
7. **Christian programs** – “Father, I pray for abundant blessings on programs that bring Christian into this public school. Help the group who sponsor such programs function according to your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers” (**1 Corinthians 12:12 – 13**)
8. **Christian students** – “Grant the Christian students who attend this school wisdom and boldness in living out their faith. Help them share effectively the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with their classmates” (**1 Timothy 4:12**)
9. **A chosen generation** – “Father, may your kingdom come. From students at this school, raise up a generation of people who worship you in spirit and in truth” (**John 4:23-24; 1 Peter 2:9**)
10. **An open door** – “Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus” (**Matthew 7:7; 1 Corinthians 16:9**)