

10. **Give Thanks:** Thank God for your blessings (physical & spiritual).
“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:18
Read Ephesians 1:3-14 for ideas about your spiritual blessings.



11. **Meditate on Scripture Prayers:** Pick one of the scriptures below to pray or use your favorite scriptures.
Psalm 119:33-37; Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 3:14-21; Isaiah 26:3-4

12. **Close with Worship:** Praise & adore God for who He is, what He has done and what He will do.
“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.” Matthew 6:13 in KJV

Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm.
Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.
Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.
Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.
Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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Prayer Guide for “Back to School” 2020 Day of Prayer on Tuesday, August 11th

for Teachers, Students, School Workers, Parents and Our Nation as we navigate through the Pandemic.

We encourage you to set aside one hour of prayer on Tuesday, 8/11. If you can’t do one hour in one sitting, divide up the time and have 3 -4 shorter times of prayer. Any time you can spend praying for our schools, students & teachers and our nation will be beneficial. If you spend 5 minutes on each item of the prayer list, you will pray for one hour.

From ibelieve.com: “At the start of 2020, we heard a lot about how this would be the year of perfect vision; yet a couple of months in, I don’t think any of us could have imagined what we would experience. There is no doubt that this year has brought many challenges. From living through a global pandemic, the continued fight against racial injustices, job losses, amplified political division, and the inability to see and visit some of our loved ones. It’s been a tough year, yet it is purposeful. This year has not taken God by surprise.” *For the entire article “The Power of Seeing 2020 Through New Lens” go to the link below.*

<https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/the-power-of-seeing-2020-through-new-lens.html>

1. **Begin with Praise.** Thank God for who He is and what He’s done. Through all circumstances, God is still in control. Ask God to help you trust Him through all situations.

“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.” Psalm 68:19-20

Also see Job 42:2; 1 Samuel 7:22; Psalm 145

2. **Wait on the Lord:** Take a few moments to surrender yourself and be still before the Lord.

“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.”

Psalm 63:1

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

3. **Time of Confession:**

“God, examine me and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any bad thing in me. Lead me on the road to everlasting life.” Psalm 139:23-24 NCV

After you confess read 1 John 1:9.



4. **Pray for our Teachers**

- That they may have wisdom & energy to navigate all the changes with grace
- That they will be able to have discernment as they deal with students in new ways (whether

through a mask, through e-learning, or navigating a new schedule)

- For their safety physically, emotionally and spiritually

5. **Pray for the Students**

- That they may learn well despite the challenges
- That they can have social interaction while still being safe
- That they will be able to relate to their teachers & students well
- That they will be able to handle any disappointments when an activity has to be cancelled
- For their physical, emotional & spiritual safety

6. **Pray for the School Board & All School Workers**

(from Administrators to Paraprofessionals to Custodians & all)

- For wisdom as they make decisions for the students
- For patience & kindness as they deal with parents and teachers
- For a positive outlook as they serve others
- For physical, emotional, & spiritual protection



7. **Pray for Parents**

- For wisdom as they make decision about their child’s education
- For them to feel peace about sending their child to school

- For those who juggle work and e-learning from home
- For those homeschooling for the first time
- For kindness as they deal with teachers & all school workers
- For energy & wisdom in helping support their child (helping with homework or encouraging their child to work hard)

8. **Pray for our Nation**

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

- That we would turn to God and realize He is our only answer
- For love & unity to prevail
- For changed hearts to see everyone in God’s image
- For political strife to cease so that leaders can work together for the good of all people of our country

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

1 Timothy 2:1-2

- For government leaders to look to God for wisdom
- For all Christians to show others what Jesus is truly like

9. **Pray For all Medical Professionals and Scientists**



- For wisdom to know how to best treat & prevent the spread of the virus
- For physical, emotional & spiritual protection.
- For accuracy in reporting (media, too)

