

AUGUST 2020

MONTH OF PRAYER

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Prayer for Parents of Students

August 1 by Tim Carter

Please pray for parents to have the courage to pray about their decisions in sending their students to schools this year. Pray for them to have peace and comfort as they make these decisions.

August 2

Please pray for parents' health, both physical and mental, as they lead their families during this time of uncertainty during the pandemic.

August 3

Please pray for parents' patience with the school leaders as they provide the educational opportunity for the students of their school districts.

August 4

Please pray for the work environment of the parents. Pray for a distraction free work relationship that will allow the family to meet their financial obligations and needs of their family.

August 5

Please pray for parents to help their children in times of anxiety. Help parents to be able to demonstrate a calming demeanor that will allow the children to handle anxious moments by focusing on God's word.

August 6

Please pray for parents' and students' safety as they travel to and from school each day.

August 7

Please pray for parents' ability to help students with virtual learning should the need arise to learn from home again.

August 8

Please pray for parents to be able to answer questions of why we have to wear masks and wash hands and social distance.

August 9

Please pray for parents to help their student navigate their way back into the learning process and their daily schedule at school.

August 10

Please pray for families of teachers to help the teachers to remain calm and focused on God's truth in their lives.

August 11

Please pray for teachers' families to remain healthy during this time of return to school

August 12

Please pray for peace and calm of teachers' families as teachers, staff and administrators return to work. Help them to be able to pray together as a family as they walk through this school reopening together.

August 13

Please pray for families of teachers to help them know what a tremendous role their teachers play in the education of the students at the school.

August 14

Please pray for families of teachers to have no financial burdens that would distract the families from continuing to thrive during this time.

August 15

Please pray for families of teachers as they watch their loved ones deal with the creation of coursework both in face to face and in virtual format. As teachers feels overwhelmed with the process, give their families the words to say and the hugs to make it better.

Prayer for Students

August 16 by Candy Mize

Pray that God will protect each student from the virus and other illnesses while at school. Pray for early symptoms to occur before students enter school or load on a school bus. Ask God to contain the spread of all viruses and other infections.

August 17

Pray that our students will have peace and comfort during times of uncertainty. Ask God to use the administrators and teachers to bring security and stability during the transition back to school with all the changes. Pray the students will have no chaos or fear.

August 18

Ask God to help our students see and understand His sovereignty. Pray that the students will see His power in everything they do and will see that His power has no limits.

August 19

The students will be adjusting to different school models which could be virtual, on-site or hybrid. Pray the students will choose the right model that is best for their learning and best for their personal situation. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment as they decide.

August 20

Ask God to provide all the materials and resources students will need to be successful. Ask the Lord to touch the hearts of our leaders and the community to help close the financial gap for many of our students. Pray that every need will be met.

August 21

Ask God to protect the social-emotional health of students who are isolated from their peers. Pray that God will strengthen the home environment and renew their relationship with siblings and with their parents. Pray that God will provide an opportunity for the students to see their peers in a safe environment.

August 22

For the students who choose to participate in online learning, pray they can get the education and help they need. Ask God to protect their time with no interruptions or technology problems.

August 23

Many students need extra-curricular activities as another avenue to help strengthen their self-esteem and confidence. Ask God to make a safe way for the extra activities to continue. Pray that He will put all the pieces in place perfectly to make it happen.

August 24

Pray that God will protect their hearts and minds when faced with challenging situations. Ask God to give them stamina and wisdom to persevere during this school year. Ask God to protect them from evil.

August 25

Shelter in Place and Social Distancing — Ask the Lord to help our students to be patient with others and to love one another. To be responsible for their actions and choices so that others around them will feel safe and secure. Encourage the students to use their gifts and talents to find new ways to reach other students.

Prayer for Teachers and Administrators

August 26

by Kristin Busby

Dear God, As our teachers begin this school year, let them feast on Your word to give them daily strength. Isaiah 30:21: Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Let HIS word guide them as they face each day teaching. Amen.

August 27

Dear God, Thank you for our teachers. Please watch over them as they go back to school and protect them. Help them be a light to their students. Help them to show love, care, and respect to all they encounter daily. Amen.

August 28

Dear God, Please protect our teachers from obstacles they face. Help them to remember that when they are scared or afraid You are there with them and love them and are watching out for them. Amen.

August 29

Dear God, Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. Amen.

August 30

Dear God, Give our teachers peace when they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of teaching and learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.

September 1

Dear God, We pray for our teachers that they conduct themselves in a worthy manner and that they would speak life into the students, families, and those they interact with daily. We pray that they will represent the school well and handle their daily duties with patience and grace during this unusual time to be a teacher. Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Amen.

September 2

Dear God, We pray for teachers to work together this year. Let them have collaboration to ease their work loads. Ecclesiastes 4:12 “and though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him — a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Amen.



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