

BACK TO SCHOOL

PRAYER GUIDE

1 FIND a school

- Where do you have a connection with a school?
- What schools are near you?
- Email info@lovinghouston.net for help connecting with a school

2 ASK how you can pray

Reach out to the principal in a posture of humility and ask how you can pray. They might decline to answer or ask if their staff can join! Honor their requests!



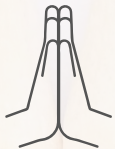
CODE RED: Prayer Call

Set up an online video call or set aside time during your Sunday service to ask congregants to pray for your local school. EXTRA: Invite school staff to share requests and/or pray with you!



CODE ORANGE: Prayer Car Parade

Decorate your cars for a prayer car parade! Set up a sound system so that a moderator can lead people in worship and prayer. EXTRA: Ask the school if they need any supplies, and set up a bin for donations!



CODE YELLOW/GREEN: Prayer Walk

Wear masks and keep your distance as you prayer walk around the school. EXTRA: Set up a Teacher Appreciation yard sign, or bring chalk to decorate parking spots with notes of encouragement!

3 JOIN US on August 27

for an online city-wide prayer gathering! Check out <http://lovinghouston.net/backtoschool> for details.



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Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our...

STUDENTS, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. Would you ensure that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength?

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, that You would grant them wisdom about which schooling option to choose. We pray for your provision physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. We pray for a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming. We pray for churches and believers to surround local families with more prayer and support this year than ever before.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF, that You would grant them supernatural peace and discernment. We pray for wisdom for school district leaders, and for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. May the community rally around our schools to provide the sanitization, supplies, and emotional support needed by our teachers and school staff as they educate our children.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS, that Your faithfulness and goodness would be evident through our actions as we love the students and school staff as You first loved us. Especially amidst this pandemic, grant us opportunities to develop meaningful relationships in safe ways, and may we strive to serve as Jesus did with grace and humility. We pray that students and teachers would see You through us.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

P.S. Ask your school for specific prayer requests!

