

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

for Arizona Schools and Universities

August 8-28, 2020

On August 8, BridgeBuilders is launching **21 Days of Prayer for Arizona Schools**. We are inviting and encouraging churches, families, youth groups, children's churches, and individuals to pray all around our state and nation for our schools in an intentional and focused way as we lift up the school year to God.

Although there are so many issues that are plaguing our schools and our youth, we believe God is the solution to the most difficult of problems and wants to intervene in response to His people's prayers.

WAYS TO ENGAGE

EVERYONE:

- Select one or more schools that God lays on your heart and set aside time to pray specifically for that school, its issues, students, teachers, administrators, and district leaders. We have a prayer guide that will help you in how to pray.
- We HIGHLY encourage that you prayerwalk or prayerdrive several times a week around the perimeter of the school of your selection. Prayerwalking or prayerdriving near and around a school helps engage your heart to pray with more fervency and focus for the needs of the teachers and students.

PASTORS/CHURCHES:

- Set aside a Sunday morning service to honor and pray for educators in your congregation. Ask God's blessing over them and pray for empowerment to succeed and prosper throughout the school year.
- Encourage your congregations to pray together as families for their children's schools.
- Create a special service to pray for schools in your area. Make it a time to pray for your young people, educators, and the school year as a whole. Make it a church-wide prayer meeting with every age participating and represented.
- Select the nearest school or school district and pray for its principals and key leadership by name during your weekend service. You may consider having your church members form small groups to pray together.
- On a Saturday during the 21 days, consider organizing multiple church-wide prayerwalks near different school locations and set up coordinators for each prayerwalking team.

YOUTH GROUPS/YOUTH PASTORS:

- Set aside time at each of your youth services to pray for a different topic related to schools (friends by name, activities and clubs, their school leadership/administration, etc.)
- Organize prayerwalks around the perimeter of your students' schools one Saturday, engaging your whole youth group to target different schools TOGETHER.

- During these 21 days, encourage your students to start prayer meetings before or after school or during lunch.
- Use these 21 days of prayer as a season of reflection, seeking God for harvest, and drawing near to Christ. From there plan a season of outreach and impact. They go hand in hand.
- Host a back-to-school youth rally with multiple youth groups to pray for your students and the new school year. Dedicate the school year to God and ask God to fill, strengthen, encourage, and give your students a real vision for the year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

- Set aside time to have the children pray for their friends and teachers by name.
- Ask the kids what they think their school needs prayer for and then pray.
- Ask your children's workers and other church leaders to pray over the children regarding the coming school year.
- Organize a church prayerwalk with the children being a part.

PRAYER GROUPS:

- Identify the nearest districts and write down the names of the schools, school board, principals, and superintendents. Pray by name for each of the leaders, asking for God's guidance and plan to be fulfilled in their lives.
- Make a list of names of every student-aged child/youth in your church and pray for each by name.
- Get a list of the names of educators and educational leaders in your church and pray for them by name.
- Create a prayer team that prays for your local schools, youth, and educators – one that will continue to pray after the 21 days.

FAMILIES:

- Set aside time each morning to pray God's blessings, favor, protection, and good success upon each of your children as they go off to school.
- Pray as a family for each child and his/her teachers, friends, and schools. Let the children pray, too! Ask your kids what they think should be prayed for and what some of the issues are in their schools.
- Parents, you may consider getting up early before your children are awake and pray in-depth for them and their school year for these 21 days.

EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS:

- Identify other Christians and start a daily prayer meeting before school, during lunch, or after school. Invite others to pray with you. (It may be 5 minutes or 30, depending on how much time you have.)
- Prayerwalk your campus during appropriate times. Since you have greater access than those who are not students/educators, we encourage you to prayerwalk inside the campus (quietly and not drawing attention to yourself) while you intercede for specific needs, issues, people, and facilities.
- Form a prayer group that meets once a day/week/biweekly throughout the school year.



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