



Praying For Spiritual Awakening among Students

As I have prayed for students and genuine spiritual awakening among them, the Lord has enabled me to develop a pattern of prayer concerning this. He has given me a basic plan of how to plead with Him for this. This plan is simply a guide to help believers to plead with God for this great necessity. You can use this plan or develop your own from it. I offer it simply as a guide and as motivation for intercession. This plan can be used to pray for students of a school or even for the kids that make up a church youth group.

This plan for prayer is based on the acrostic S.C.H.O.O.L. Each letter represents a particular blessing that you need to ask of God. These blessings are essential to receiving the desperately needed awakening among students. Plead with God for these things with all the boldness and faith that you have. Call on Him to grant a genuine spiritual awakening to the youth of our day-an awakening that will spread to all sectors of our society.

Spirit-Pray that the Holy Spirit would powerfully move among the young people. Plead that His power would fall on them and meet their particular spiritual needs. Pray that He would convict and call lost youth to the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that He would convict and renew the faith and commitment of saved youth. Ask Him to reveal His mighty power in the lives of young people (**John 16:7-11; Psalm 80**).

Confession-Pray fervently that young people will acknowledge their sin. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal their sin to them in fresh and powerful ways and that He will move them to confess their sins. Pray that God would grant repentance to young people. Ask Him to create within them a hunger for the God, His Word, and holiness of life (**Psalm 51; Acts 3:19; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Psalm 42:1-2**).

Homes-Ask God to transform the homes of the young people. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bless the marriages of the parents. Plead that the parents and the children will have good and healthy relationships. Pray that their homes would be places where Christ is exalted and the Word of God is the foundation (**Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Proverbs 5:15-23; Psalm 127**).

Obstacles-Pray that any obstacles to this awakening would be removed by the Holy Spirit. Ask God to deal with anything that might hinder the experience of a genuine work of the Holy Spirit. Pray that Satan's plans for these young people would be destroyed. Plead that he will have no effectiveness in getting a stronghold in their lives and in destroying their lives (**Ephesians 4:30; 1 Peter 5:8-9; John 8:44**).

Openness-Pray that the young people will have openness to the Word of God. They are hearing so many messages. Ask God to give them a hunger for the Word of God. Pray that the lost youth will be open to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Plead that the believing youth will build their lives on the Word of God (**1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

Leaders-Pray that God would raise up young people who have a heart for Him and for spiritual awakening. Ask Him to mold young men and women who will be the vessels through which He can send awakening. Pray that He will give these young people a fearless and relentless attitude toward God, His Word, and spiritual awakening (**2 Chronicles 7:14**).

Praying Against The Problems Among Students

In addition to praying for spiritual awakening among the students, it is necessary to pray against the problems of students. These problems can be a hindrance to genuine spiritual awakening among the students. It is apparent that the schools have problems. These problems are often severe and widespread. There are numerous ways that teachers and administrators are attempting to deal with these problems. Yet, the root of the problem is in the hearts and the lives of the students. There has to be a change of heart in the lives of the students. A crucial part of this change is intercessory prayer.



The following are some of the most prevalent problems in the schools. These are prayers based on Scripture that you can use to intercede concerning the problem. You can use these and develop your own from them.

Rebellion: "Father, Your Word teaches that people are to submit to the powers that You have ordained. I pray that the students of _____ would submit to and respect their teachers, coaches, and administrators. Remove any spirit of rebellion that exists in the lives of the students of _____ school. Your Word says that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. Rebellion is a demonic stronghold. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and Your mercy, I ask that You would tear down the stronghold of rebellion in the lives of the students at _____ school" (**Romans 13:1, 1 Samuel 15:22**).

Drugs: "You have created the students of _____ school. They are the work of Your hands. Enable them to keep their bodies free of drugs. Lord God, I pray that You would deliver the students of _____ school from drug addiction. By Your preserving power, protect those students that have not yielded themselves to drugs. Father, by Your Son Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, deliver those young people who are addicted. Set them free through Your power and Your grace. I plead that You would cut off the flow of any drugs into _____ school" (**Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139; Galatians 5:20**).

Alcohol: "Father, Your Word warns us of the dangers of alcohol. Your Word says that wine is a mocker, that strong drink is a brawler, and that whoever is led astray by it is not wise. Father, I plead that the students of _____ would not be led astray by alcohol. I pray that they will see through the trap that is being set for them by Satan. Father, I ask that they would realize the truth of **Proverbs 23:29-30**, "Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, those who go in search of mixed wine." Cause them to realize the damaging and deadly consequences of alcohol. By Your preserving grace, protect those who have not started drinking. Give them strength to say "No!" By Your gospel and Your power, set those free who have started drinking. Cause them to hate alcohol with all their being. By Your own power, cut off alcohol from _____ school (**Proverbs 20:1; Jeremiah 32:17**).

Broken and troubled homes: "Father, You have created marriage and family. For Your glory and the good of people, You have created these institutions. According to Your standard, marriage is a lifetime commitment. Parents are to love and train their children. Yet, Father, many disregard and disobey Your standards. The consequence for this is broken homes. The children are the ones who suffer the greatest. I plead that You would bless the families that make up _____ school. Strengthen and bless the families of _____ school. Lord, for those children that come from broken homes or homes that are in trouble, I plead that You would have mercy on them. You are a compassionate God, abounding mercy to generations. You are a merciful God and I ask You to extend this mercy to them. Protect them, bless them, and enable them to do well in their work and other activities. I ask that You would intervene and that You would not let the broken home destroy their life or their potential" (**Mark 10:1-12; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Exodus 34:6-7; Lamentations 3:21-23**).

Violence: "Father, You hate violence done to the innocent and the helpless. Your Word says in **Psalm 11:6**, "The LORD tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates." Father, I plead that You would protect and defend the students of _____ school from violence. I pray that You would intervene and keep students or others from doing harm to the students of _____ school. I ask You to thwart the devious and evil plans of those who would do violence to the students or teachers. Because of Your hatred for violence, I pray that You would deliver the students of _____ school from it (**Psalm 18:48, 140:11; Proverbs 28:17; Psalm 7:16**).

Sexual immorality: "Father, You expressly forbid sexual activity outside of the marriage relationship. Your Word says, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (**Hebrews 13:4**). I pray that You would grant the students of _____ school a desire for purity. Father, I plead that You would strengthen and protect the students that are still virgins. Grant them the power to resist temptation and to have a clean and pure thought life. Deliver them from pornography and immoral thinking or talking. For those students who are engaging in sexual activity. I plead that You would have mercy on them. Cause them to see the consequences of sexual immorality. Your Word says, "Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared?" (**Proverbs 6:27-28**). There are serious and deadly consequences to sexual



immorality. Grant them repentance from this sin and enable them to remain pure until they marry. I pray that the students of _____ school would develop healthy relationships (**Proverbs 17:17**).

Peer pressure: "Lord God, I pray that the students of _____ school would be delivered from peer pressure. Give them the strength to resist temptation. I ask that they will not be enticed by others to do what they know is wrong. Grant them the ability to stand strong and not follow others into wickedness. I pray that You would cause the students of _____ school to see the seriousness and the end of those who blindly follow the crowd (**Proverbs 1:10-19**).

The Occult: "Father, Your Word declares that Satan is a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He is out to destroy and damn anyone that he can. He powerfully works through the occult. I pray that You would deliver the students of _____ school from any and every occultic influence or activity. I pray in the name of Jesus that every inroad that Satan has made in the school through the occult would be stopped and destroyed. I plead that the students who have been drawn into this evil would be set free. Jesus has won complete victory over Satan and his forces. He has power and authority over them. On the basis of His authority and victory, I pray that the students of _____ school would be protected from and delivered from the power of Satan through the occult (**1 Peter 5:8-9; Colossians 2:15**).

Cheating: "Father, I pray that the students of _____ school would not yield to the temptation of cheating. I ask that they would work hard and that they would do their own work. I plead that they would hate cheating and lying. Grant to them a love for work and diligence and a hatred of laziness and cheating. Enable each student to do his or her best according to the ability that You have given him or her (**Proverbs 6:17; 1 Timothy 2:2**).