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## COVERING A SCHOOL IN PRAYER

One of the most important prayer targets for believers and the church is our schools. The church needs to saturate the school systems around it in prayer. It's a powerful way for the church to exercise a righteous influence in the lives of the students, teachers, workers, and administrators. This issue will focus on covering schools in prayer. I've developed these prayer guides from my personal prayer life. I simply offer them as an aid, a help to your intercession. You can use them or adapt them as you feel the need. The key issue is to offer intercession for the schools and the precious souls connected to them.

### Praying The Ten Commandments Over A School

Exodus 20:1-17

Father, I plead that the administrators, teachers, and students at \_\_\_\_\_ will come to know You through Jesus Christ. I ask that they will turn from their sins to You by believing in and trusting Your Son Jesus Christ (20:2).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will grow in their knowledge of You. I plead that they will forsake all their idols and love and desire You above everything else in their lives (20:3).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will diligently search the Scriptures. I pray that their understanding of You will be based on the Word of God. Deliver them from sinful, wrong ideas about who You are and what Your will is (20:4-6).

Father, I plead that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will honor Your name. I ask

that the believers at \_\_\_\_\_ will live lives that match their profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Set them free from the hypocrisy that can hinder their witness (20:7).

Lord God, I ask that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ will be faithful to attend church and worship You and hear Your Word. I pray that they will set the Lord's Day aside for You to rest and to engage in private and personal worship (20:8-11).

Merciful God, I plead that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ will honor their parents. Heal the broken relationships between children and parents at this school. Bless every family connected to this school (20:12).

Living God, You are the Author of life. I pray that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will cherish life. Grant everyone at this school fresh compassion and concern for each other. I ask You to wipe out the anger, hatred, prejudice, and conflict that plagues this school (20:13).

Father, I pray that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will pursue purity. I ask that the students will see the danger of any form of sex outside the marriage commitment. Strengthen those that are struggling with the pressure to have sex. Convict and bring to repentance those who are yielding to this. Give the comfort and assurance of forgiveness to those who are weighed down by the guilt of their sin (20:14).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will respect the property of others and of the school. I ask that everyone will wisely use their time, working hard and being productive with the time and abilities that You give to all (20:15).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will speak and receive the truth. I plead that You will cut off the lies, the slander, and the gossip that wound and destroy others. Grant every administrator, teacher, and student a heart for truth – to know the truth, to love the truth, to speak the truth, and to live in truth (20:16).

Father, I plead that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ will rejoice in the blessings that You give to each one. I ask that they will be content with what You wisely and graciously provide. Help each one to know that all good things come from You. Teach the administrators, teachers, and students to depend on You for all the needs of their lives (20:17).

## **The Beatitudes**

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will realize their need of You. Show them their sinfulness and bankruptcy apart from Jesus Christ. Reveal the sufficiency of Jesus to save, forgive, and secure them. I pray that each one will turn to Jesus, receiving His forgiveness and the hope of heaven (5:3).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will not take sin lightly. I pray that each one will hate sin, will grieve over sin, and will confess and repent of it. I plead that they will receive the comfort of Your cleansing and Your forgiveness (5:4).

Father, unleash a spirit of meekness at \_\_\_\_\_. I pray that You will break and remove all pride and arrogance at this school. I plead that everyone will walk humbly before You and before each other (5:5).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will hunger and thirst for righteousness. I plead that everyone at this school will long for and desire You and Your Word more than anything or anybody else in this world. Lessen their desire for the things of this world and increase their desire for You. Empower all of them to grow in holiness and righteousness (5:6).

Father, release a spirit of mercy in this school. I ask that everyone will show mercy to each other. Deliver

this school from mean-spiritedness, unforgiveness, and grudge bearing. Let mercy reign in this school (5:7)!

Holy Father, I pray that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will have a single-minded devotion to You. I ask that they will seek to glorify You in all things. Grant a deep concern in this school for Your Word and will (5:8).

Father, Your Word says that the peacemakers are blessed. I ask You to fill this school with peacemakers. I pray that everyone at this school will come to know peace with You through a personal relationship with You. I ask that each one will know the peace of God as they walk with You. Let peace reign in this school (5:9).

Father, Your Word declares blessing for those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. I pray that You will strengthen those believers who are persecuted at this school. Give them strength to stand firm and to be faithful in their witness. Convict the believers at this school who are afraid to stand for Christ. Give them fresh courage. Convict and draw to Christ those who are persecuting believers (5:10).

Father, I pray that the believers who are facing opposition will rejoice and be glad. Deliver them from frustration and discouragement. I plead that You will bless their witness, giving them fruit now and reward in eternity (5:11-12).

Father, empower the believers at \_\_\_\_\_ to exercise powerful influence. I ask that they will be salt and light. Deliver them from anything that might hinder their witness. I pray that many at \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved, delivered, healed, blessed, discipled, and encouraged at this school. I plead that Jesus Christ will reign as Lord in the midst of this school (5:13-14).

## **Praying Psalm 1 Over A School**

Father, I ask that no one at \_\_\_\_\_ will walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of the scornful. I plead that You will demolish sinful peer pressure at this school. I pray that there will be a hatred of evil at \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1).

Father, I pray that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will delight in Your Word. Grant everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ with a hunger for Your Word and joy in Your Word (1:2).

Father, I plead that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will study and meditate on Your Word. Grant them insight and understanding in the truth. Help them to put Your Word into practice on a daily basis (1:2).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will be anchored in a personal relationship with You. I plead that they will be planted in You, receiving help and strength from You (1:3).

Father, I plead that You would empower the believers at \_\_\_\_\_ to bear fruit. I pray that it will be evident to all and will attract the lost to Jesus Christ (1:3).

Father, I pray for those that are struggling, hurting, or suffering at \_\_\_\_\_. If they are not Christians, I ask You to use this to show them their insufficiency and their need of a personal relationship to You. If they are Christians, fill them with power and hope so that they will not wither but stand strong under adversity (1:3).

Father, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will see how foolish and useless sin is. I pray that they will know that those who live for sin and self have no anchor for their lives and no hope for the future (1:4).

Father, I pray that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will know that You are displeased with sin and that You will judge sin in the future. Create within the hearts of everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ a hatred of sin and a hunger for godliness (1:5).

Father, I pray that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will know that You guide the way of those who love You and believe You. I pray that each one at \_\_\_\_\_ will believe You and will walk with You. Show them that the way of wickedness is futile, useless, and ends with eternal ruin (1:6).

## Praying The Fruit Of The Spirit Over A School

**Galatians 5:16-17, 22-23**

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will do a powerful work in everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ School. Bring them to repentance and saving faith in Jesus. Fill them with Your power and do Your work in the lives (John 6:44; Ephesians 5:18).

Holy Spirit, fill everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ with Your power and healing and produce Your fruit in each one.

Holy Spirit, enable everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ to repent of and put away sinful, negative emotions.

Holy Spirit, cause everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ to know and experience the Father's love for them.

Holy Spirit, set everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ free from any hindrances that keeps them from loving others freely.

Holy Spirit, create Your supernatural and abiding joy in those at \_\_\_\_\_.

Holy Spirit, remove any obstacles in the lives of those at \_\_\_\_\_ that will keep them from experiencing Your joy.

Holy Spirit, fill everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ with the peace that passes understanding and is not dependent on circumstances.

Holy Spirit, I ask that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will forsake fear, anxiety, and panic.

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will cultivate a longsuffering heart in everyone at \_\_\_\_\_.

Holy Spirit, deliver everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ from the pride that makes a person easily provoked.

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Holy Spirit, cause everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ to know how kind the Father is to them.

Holy Spirit, empower everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ to show kindness to others in powerful and tangible ways.

Holy Spirit, I plead that everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ will experience the Father's goodness in fresh and new ways in their lives.

Holy Spirit, stir and inspire everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ to be good to others regardless of the circumstances.

Holy Spirit, cultivate in everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ a longing for and a determination to be faithful to God and others.

Holy Spirit, deliver everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ from a selfish spirit that would lead them to be self-seeking.

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would create a gentle, forgiving spirit at \_\_\_\_\_.

Holy Spirit, deliver everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ from harshness, bitterness, and unforgiveness toward others.

Holy Spirit, grant everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ the power to say "No!" to sinful, negative emotions.

Holy Spirit, I ask that You would set everyone at \_\_\_\_\_ free from bondage to any sinful, negative emotions.

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