

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDE

Conviction #1: We exist for the glory of God.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." | Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

_Pray that students, teachers, administrators, and faculties will be motivated to do good work for God's glory with joy and conviction.

_Pray that God's goodness and excellence will be made known through us.

Q: What does it mean for you to live for God's glory as school begins?
How can you glorify God through your work this year?

Conviction #2: God is glorified through Christ as his gospel is proclaimed, believed, and obeyed, transforming us to become like Christ.

_Pray for opportunities to share Christ with others over the next year and that they will respond in faith and be saved.

_Pray that God will increase our confidence and reliance on him through the circumstances he allows over the next year.

_Pray that students, teachers, and administrators will work out of a secure identity in Christ rather than trying to find their identity through work.

_Pray that God will use this next school year to make us more like Christ.
(Gal. 4:19)

Q: What spiritual goals do you have for this year?

Where do you want to grow in how you trust God?

Parents, share with your kids some ways you would like to see them grow in their faith, then pray for them.

Conviction #3: The Holy Spirit creates a new kind of community that reflects Christ to the world.

_Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to build Christ's church this year through our witness.

_Pray that our church will be a good representation of Jesus to those around us.

_Pray that we will not neglect loving and serving the church because of busyness.

Q: How do our attitudes and actions reflect God's heart?

What might keep you from being involved in the life of the church during the school year?

Conviction #4: Members of this community develop others to thrive according to God's design.

- _ Pray that we will be focused on helping others grow and not just on ourselves.
- _ Pray that we will grow in Christlike character and develop our skills as we learn.
- _ Pray for intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual flourishing this year.

Q: What are some ways you would like to grow or improve this year?
How can you be an encouragement to others in your school?

Conviction #5: A Christ-centered community will seek the good of its community through hospitality, work, and service.

- _ Pray that our schools and communities will be blessed because of the presence of the Christians that are part of them.
- _ Pray that students who know Christ will be an encouragement to their teachers and administrators/ counselors.
- _ Pray that the teachers who know Christ will be an encouragement to their students and administrators/ counselors.
- _ Pray that the administrators/ counselors who know Christ will be an encouragement to their students and teachers.
- _ Pray that the parents who know Christ will be a blessing to their kids' schools.

Q: How will you seek the good of your school this year? (Jeremiah 29:7)
How will you be a servant like Christ this year? (John 13; Philippians 2:1-5)
How will your presence adorn the gospel? (Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 4:7-11)

A new school year provides an opportunity to reset and imagine what might be as we pursue Christ together and go about our work. Use these markers to consider how you might pursue growth personally, professionally, or as a family over the next nine months. Let our five convictions shape how you think about your goals, then begin stepping toward them in faith and by grace, for God's glory.

End of the year goal(s):

What can you pray for or check in on as you pursue these goals:

_ Daily check-in:

_ Weekly check-in:

_ Monthly check-in:

_ Semesterly check-in: