

Thinking About Schools: Practical ways to pray, care, share in our schools and communities for COVID-19

Pray...

- Pray for COVID-19 to subside so school life and in-school education may resume.
- Pray for everyone's health and recovery for those infected with COVID-19.
- Pray for those impacted financially by this incident.
- Pray against hopelessness, loneliness, and despair.
- Pray for Christian students and adults to be *salt and light* in this season.
- Pray for peace and encouragement in the midst of this storm.
- Pray for the effects of this incident on families.

...for Students

- Adapting to going to school online.
- Isolated from friends and support.

...for Coaches

- Isolated from their teams.
- Loss of the Spring sports season.

...for Administrators

- Leading through rapid change.
- Wisdom in making decisions, leading effectively, and communicating with others.

...for Teachers and Staff

- Leading/teaching in a virtual school environment.
- Adapting to the ever-changing duties that they face.

Care...

- Connect with school district administration and communicate that the church is praying for and has a desire to assist. Example: Does the school need volunteers to help with any school functions even though the school is not physically open? Volunteers to package and/or deliver meals to students that are a part of the school's food program?
- Collect specific ways the church can be praying for the school leaders. Connect weekly by email for an updated list of prayer points.

Share...

- Take a moment to personally pray with and share encouragement with students, coaches, administrators, teachers, and staff.
- Take the opportunities God provides to have spiritual conversations and intentionally share the gospel with others. To help you do this, check out this new resource - Alive in 5 - www.youth.ag.org/Participate/Youth-Alive/Alive-in-5

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV) "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Psalms 91:2 (NIV) "I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."



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