



Campus Prayer—Why pray for the campus?

One of the true keys to effective evangelism is prayer. Jesus said, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...” (John 6:44, NIV).

It is not our great presentations that draw people to Christ. It is the power of the Holy Spirit taking the message of Jesus and convincing people of its validity. The Holy Spirit moves in a person’s heart in response to the prayers of Christians.

Paul wrote to Timothy urging him to place an emphasis on prayer. The reason for this emphasis on prayer is that God wants to save people. “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **who wants all men to be saved** and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:1-4, NIV; emphasis added).

When Jesus saw the multitudes of people whose lives were being destroyed and had no hope, He had one request—“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:38, NIV).

Larry J. Michael expressed this concept effectively when he said, “Prayer is the powerful force which unleashes the Holy Spirit in our efforts at sharing the gospel. No significant revival has occurred in the history of the church without prayer. No breakthroughs in reaching youth will come without a commitment to ongoing, consistent prayer to our Lord for the effectiveness of his witness through our lives.”

Pray for your campus so your friends can become followers of Jesus.

Campus Prayer Movement

Join the Campus Prayer Movement by becoming a Prayer Zone Partner. PZPs commit to pray for students, schools, teachers, and administrators at a particular school.

PZPs are:

- **Adults** who adopt a school(s) by committing to pray for its students, faculty, and administrators when they drive through a school zone, transforming it into a “prayer zone.” They also agree to pray for certain schools in their community on a regular basis.
- **Students** who commit to pray on a regular basis for their school while at school, at home, walking around the school, or even driving by the school.

Become a PZP! It’s free, and you will receive an annual update on what is happening in America through PZP. Go to www.prayerzonepartners.com and sign up online.

Campus Prayer Strategies

Here are some effective prayer strategies to use. Don’t limit yourself to just one strategy. Incorporate as many as you can.

- *Private Prayer*: Devote some time each day to pray for your school and your unsaved friends.



Prayer Strategies

- *Student Prayer Partner:* Join with another campus missionary or Christian friend who will pray with you for your school and the unsaved friends who are on your prayer list. You may want to consider meeting together once or twice a week at school, home, church, or another location to pray together for a brief period of time.
- *Adult Prayer Partner:* Ask a Christian adult at your church to become your prayer partner for your school. You could meet with them for a few minutes each Sunday at the church and have them pray with you for your school and unsaved friends.
- *Prayer Walk:* Do an occasional prayer walk around your school. (Yes, pray with your eyes open.) On-site praying puts you at the very place where you want God to answer your prayers. In the Bible the Book of Joshua records how God's people walked around the walls of Jericho. That walk was a demonstration of their faith that God was going to act on their behalf. Your prayer walk around your school is a demonstration of your faith—you believe that God is going to do something significant at your school.
- *Classroom Praying:* This is not asking the teacher if you can open the class in prayer. Choose a desk or chair in the room that is not on the side, front or back rows. This way you will have at least eight people around you. During class pray a quick silent prayer for each of the students who are around you.
- *Yearbook Praying:* If your school does an annual yearbook, use the yearbook to systematically pray for your classmates during the course of the school year. This puts a name and a face to your prayers.

Campus Prayer Guide

Here are some specific things you can include in your prayer focus:

1. *Pray for your fellow students.* You and your Christian friends are in the most strategic position to reach the campus with the message of the gospel.

Pray:

- For the salvation of students at your school.
- That God would raise up more campus missionaries at your school.
- For the safety of the students at your school.
- For God's anointing on the ministry of your Christian campus clubs.
- For the distribution of gospel literature.
- That everyone on your campus may hear a clear presentation of the gospel.
- That Jesus will be glorified.

2. *Pray for your school's leaders.* School boards, principals, teachers, and counselors are in key positions to influence the campus.

Pray:

- For the salvation of administrators, teachers, and staff.
- That God would give wisdom to the school administrators, teachers, and counselors.
- For the school board and superintendent of the school district.
- For campus staff, teacher assistants, cooks, bus drivers, and maintenance personnel.
- That the campus Bible club will be used to reach the campus.
- For Christian teachers, administrators, and local Christian education associations.



Campus Prayers Based on Scripture

Use the following Scripture-based prayers to assist you during your campus prayer time.

Lord, You said I can pray a blessing on the land and that past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from Your eyes. I pray a blessing on this land and campus. Bring a cleansing of our past troubles and difficulties (Isaiah 65:16).

God, be gracious to this school. Bless it, and make Your face shine upon it. May Your salvation be revealed to those who attend this school (Psalm 67:1,2).

It is from Your grace we have all received one blessing after another; send Your blessings upon the administrators, teachers, and students in this school (John 1:16).

Lord, look down from heaven, Your holy dwelling place, and bless these students and this land (Deuteronomy 26:15).

I am to bless those who curse me and pray for those mistreat me. Because Christians are often misunderstood and persecuted at school, I pray blessing on those who have brought so much hurt to Your name and to Your people (Luke 6:28).

Lord, bless this school. May Your face shine upon the students and teachers and be gracious to them. May You turn Your face toward this school and bring peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Lord, You bless the righteous; You surround them with Your favor as with a shield. I ask that You bless the Christians on this campus; surround them with Your favor. May Your favor and blessing flow from them to others who may not know You (Psalm 5:12).

(The Scripture-based prayers above are taken from the book *Pray the Promises* and are used by permission of the publisher.)