## **PRAYER GUIDE // SEPTEMBER 2024** *REVIVAL IN STUDENTS*



Middle schools and high schools are battlegrounds for biblical truth versus ungodly ideologies. Classrooms are potential indoctrination settings for unsuspecting students not grounded in truth. Evil strategies to shape young minds find their ways into younger generations at an alarming rate.

Does this mean the battle for a generation is a lost cause? Not according to Scripture! We have examples of amazing leaders who were called by God—even in their childhood. Consider King Josiah leading the nation of Judah toward righteousness at age 8. Remember young Samuel who heard the voice of God calling him to his destiny as a prophet. And, of course, teenager Mary was entrusted with the birth, care, and nurturing of the Messiah!

Our middle and high school campuses need revival! Through our prayers, believing students can arise with boldness to claim their campuses. Lost students can come to faith in Jesus and embrace a new way forward in truth. Let's pray for revival—and reclaim a generation for Christ.

1 Celebrate the precious gift of children and youth because they are "a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him." Pray that the children entrusted to your family will look to the Lord as their only hope (Psalm 127:3).

2 Praise God for the many ways you have seen Him at work in your life. Ask Him for opportunity to declare "the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done" to a younger generation (Psalm 78:4).

3 Ask God to use your interactions with children and youth to "speak of the glorious splendor of [His] majesty" as "one generation commends [His] works to another." Pray that you will be a voice of hope in praying for revival among students (Psalm 145:4-5).

4 Pray healthy homes where students will "listen to [their] father's instructions" and "not forsake [their] mother's teaching." Pray for a revival of honor in the home (Proverbs 1:8).

5 Pray for students to recognize that "a wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother." Pray that students will seek to obey and honor their parents (Proverbs 10:1).

6 Pray for parents in godly homes to confidently teach their children and students to obey God's commands while demonstrating lifestyles of hearts submitted to God (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). 7 Pray for godly character to be modeled in homes, as students learn to "in humility value others above yourselves." Pray that the way they interact with other students will point to Christ (Philippians 2:3).

8 Pray that students will be eager to follow the guidance of their parents and learn quickly that obeying "in the Lord" is the right way to live (Ephesians 6:1).

9 Pray that students will thrive in homes filled with love that is patient and kind, does not envy or boast, and is not proud. Pray that they will model this love to their peer students (1 Corinthians 13:4).

10 Pray students will know that "love comes from God" and that they can in turn "love one another." Pray for students to know God more intimately as they learn to love others (1 John 4:7).

11 Pray that the youth in your family will be reminded of the faithfulness of the Lord and not depart from Him—for generations to come (Deuteronomy 4:9).

12 Ask God to defeat the evil schemes of Satan to capture children and youth. Pray that "the offspring of the righteous will be delivered" and this generation will be revived as victorious followers of Jesus (Proverbs 11:21).

13 Pray that students will "be alert and of sober mind" as they recognize the devil's schemes to devour their generation. Pray that they will resist him and stand firm in the faith as witnesses on their campuses (1 Peter 5:8-9).

14 Jesus prayed for His followers, that God would not "take them out of the world, but . . . protect them from the evil one." Pray that students will be revived as agents of truth and hope on their campuses (John 17:15).

15 Pray that students will quickly recognize sin and reject the "ways of the world." Pray that they will embrace the work of the Spirit in their lives as they reflect the gospel in their schools (Ephesians 2:1-3).

16 Pray that students will awaken to the power of prayer as a weapon with "divine power to demolish strongholds" in their lives, their families, and on their campuses (2 Corinthians 10:3-4).

17 Pray for students to love the Word of God and use it confidently to "demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God." Pray that their thoughts are taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

18 Pray that students will recognize Satan as the father of lies by embracing Jesus as the only truth. Pray they will discern and reject evil strategies against them, and instead be victorious in Christ (John 8:44).

19 Pray that students will guard their hearts from lies and temptations, and instead allow the Spirit to revive them and flow through them with hope and truth (Proverbs 4:23).

20 Pray that the challenges of a perverse culture will not overtake the hope students have in Jesus. Pray that they will "take heart" because Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33).

21 Pray for churches as they develop strategies to minister to students—that they will not look down on youth, but rather set examples in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Timothy 4:12).

22 Pray that students in today's world will not grow tired and weary. Pray that they will be revived with the Spirit to "soar on wings like eagles" and have great gospel impact in their generation (Isaiah 40:30-31).

23 Pray for students to experience such revival in their lives that they flee evil desires and instead "pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace"—all done with pure hearts (2 Timothy 2:22).

24 Tomorrow morning, students will gather around their flagpoles to pray for their campuses. Pray for courage to show up and that students will "not be ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

25 Pray for students as they gather at their flagpoles today, that they will "pray first" with "petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving" for all students on their campuses. Pray that this nationwide gathering will be a catalyst for revival in middle and high schools in every city (1 Timothy 2:1).

26 Pray for youth pastors and leaders to shepherd well the flock of students that has been entrusted to them. Pray that they will challenge students to seek God for revival, stay strong in the Word, embrace purity, and reach their generation for Jesus (1 Peter 5:2-3).

27 Pray for a boldness in students to declare Jesus as their "first love." Invite the Spirit to convict them of any sin and revive them through repentance and returning to the Lord (Revelation 2:4-5).

28 Pray that this generation of students and generations to come will have their destinies written as those who will praise the Lord and bring Him glory (Psalm 102:18).

29 Pray that God's works will be mighty in this student generation as His Kingdom and dominion "endures from generation to generation" (Daniel 4:3).

30 Ask God to pour out His Spirit on students, that "your sons and daughters will prophesy" and "your young men will see visions." Pray that this generation is a catalyst for revival in our day (Joel 2:28).