

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PRAY. Go to www.ap4c.org to find additional Prayer Guides about other ongoing issues facing our city; and watch for future monthly Guides with relevant information specific to those issues. Pray about how you might be able to help.

- We suggest prayer-walking your community school(s) as they prepare for the return of students. For some tips, visit www.unitethechurch.org/PRAY

Also pray about these **next steps**:

LEARN.

- Go to www.unitethechurch.org to learn about ongoing needs, opportunities, and assets.
- Did you know that over 160,000 students are enrolled in DISD alone? What about your community?
 - ⇒ Visit <http://data.commit2dallas.org/#/district> for specific data related to school achievement by year, subject and grade.

SERVE.

- Check to see if your church has a partnership with a local school and find out how you can help.
- If your church doesn't have a partnership but would like to consider starting one, look at unitethechurch.org/every-child/churches then email education@unitethechurch.org.
- Go to www.volvy.org to look for individual opportunities to tutor, mentor, or read to a child.
- The Commit! Partnership helps drive student achievement in Dallas County from cradle to career. Volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, visit commit2dallas.org/getinvolved

TELL. Tell your friends, family, and co-workers about these needs and opportunities. Look at the resources above so you're ready to share helpful information with others as God puts it on your heart.

Event Spotlight

Mayor's Back to School Fair, Friday, August 5th
Fair Park's Automobile and Centennial Buildings

www.mayorsbacktoschoolfair.com



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AUGUST 2016 PRAYER GUIDE

"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us." Titus 2:7-8

This month's topic is **Education**

During the month of August, AP4C is praying for the hundreds of thousands of children in Greater Dallas preparing to return to school at the end of the month and the teachers and staff who serve them.

Every child in Greater Dallas should have access to a quality education—including the 375,000 students in Dallas County whose families are economically disadvantaged. Our low-income public schools carry a heavy load and desperately need our prayers.

Please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart for our Metroplex.

All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation.

SALVATION

“and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,” 2 Timothy 3:15-16

- Praise God for the freedom to share openly about His word.
- Pray for students eager to share their faith with their classmates; pray for boldness but also gentleness and respect.
- Ask God to inspire Christian teachers, students, and parents to talk about their faith in creative ways through speeches, art, and other projects.
- Continue to pray for the salvation of individuals within your sphere of influence.

THE CHURCH

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

- Praise God for the 150+ churches known to be loving and serving public schools across Greater Dallas and ask Him to help them make a deep impact.
- Pray the church actively seeks opportunities to partner with schools and continues to foster relationships.
- Pray the church is seen as a partner in the community and a safe haven for students seeking love and a relationship with God.
- Pray that the Church will play an active role in filling the gap many children have – the need for quality time with a loving adult.
- Pray that because of our love for them; every child, teacher, and parent would know they are precious, beloved, and worth Jesus’ sacrifice.

OUR COMMUNITIES

“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19

- Praise God for the teachers and school administrators in your community, and pray for them as they begin preparations to return.
- Pray for peace, patience, strength, and renewed energy for teachers, administrators, and others serving children on a daily basis.
- Pray that churches, businesses, nonprofits, and others will come around the schools so that they are fully resourced to meet the needs of the children and families.
- Pray for the parents and caregivers to be more engaged with their children and schools this year.

TRANSFORMATION

“let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance” Proverbs 1:5

- Pray for improvement in our schools so that every child from every community has the opportunity to attend a high-performing school.
- Pray for wisdom for school board members who are in roles of great influence. Pray their decisions will move the districts forward and improve access to quality education for all.
- Pray that God would soften the hearts of the “gatekeepers” within the schools, districts, and communities who may be hardened toward the Church.
- Ask God to guide decision-makers as education techniques continue to evolve with time—that the American education system would meet the needs of our students and our world.
- Pray for wisdom in regards to school funding at the national and state levels and for the community to react accordingly so that the children aren’t the ones who suffer.