



**GRACE OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**A CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**

**A 21 DAY BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDE**  
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Thank you for saying yes to interceding, standing in the gap, praying for the next generation of young people who are members of our family, church, community, and nation. We join our Heavenly Father in prayer for our next generation that “His kingdom would come and His will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.”

The following 21-day guide includes a Bible verse and suggestions for prayers. The Holy Spirit will give you many additional prayers and scriptures as you pray the promises and word of God into our young people’s lives.

Prayer suggestion for preparing for your time with God: “Hello Lord God. Thank you for being my loving, all knowing, caring Heavenly Father. Today, as we spend time in conversation, please quiet my mind and prepare my spirit and ears to hear your voice as we pray together for our youth, the next generation. Amen.”

**Day #1**

Psalms 127:3a Don’t you see that children are GOD’S best gift? (The Message)

Mark 10:14-16

Proverbs 4:23-27

**Young people (children, grandchildren, students) in our lives. Write down their names.**

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+ all students in our Yakima Valley

- For students of all ages, pray for God to pour His blessings over them.
- Pray for each young person to know the One True God and to love Him with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind and with all their strength.
- Pray protection over their bodies, souls and spirits.
- Help students grasp that each of them is known by God and that He has a God-given purpose for their life.

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**Day #2**

**Safety and protection**

Psalms 121:7-8 The LORD will keep you from all harm---He will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and evermore.

Psalms 91:9-11

Psalms 34:7

2 Timothy 4:18

- Pray for security and safety for students and teaching and support staff.
- Students, teachers, and support staff to be vigilant, alert and prepared.
- All evil schemes of the devil to be brought to light and dealt with.
- Safety going to and from school.

### **Day# 3**

#### **Teachers**

Deuteronomy 32:2 Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descent like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

Titus 2:7-8

2Timothy 2:24

- Strengthen and refresh teachers and support staff; prevent exhaustion.
- Fill teacher shortages and equip teachers with the best materials for best results.
- Provide health, safety and abundant blessing on teachers.
- Keep their passion burning for teaching the next generation.
- Give Christian teacher creative ideas for sharing Christ. Be Jesus with skin.

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### **Day# 4**

#### **Relationships (Friends)**

I Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

2 Timothy 2:22

Proverbs 13:20

Ephesians 4:32

- Lead our children so they choose positive and healthy relationships.
- Christian students to be a light for Jesus loving others as they love themselves. Protect them from being ridiculed or silenced.
- Students be quick to forgive and not harbor resentment.
- Protect vulnerable students from gangs and other damaging relationships.
- Pray that the next generation will desire to know Jesus as their Forever Friend

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### **Day# 5**

#### **Home life**

Malachi 4:6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

Ephesians 6:1-4

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

- Pray for safe, encouraging and loving family life.
- Pray for parents to be vitally interested in their children's home and school lives.
- Pray for home life that provides moral, social and spiritual development.
- Grace and healing helps for student families struggling due to divorce, poverty, unemployment, drug or alcohol abuse, domestic violence.

## **Day# 6**

### **Love for learning and succeeding**

Proverbs 8:10-12 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Proverbs 8:32-35

Proverbs 2:6-8

- Impart a love for learning and a hunger for knowledge and comprehension.
- For students to have a vision of academic success and plan to let nothing prevent them from graduating.
- Help educators to develop critical thinking skills in all students.
- Close the gap of Covid learning loss.

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## **Day# 7**

### **Counselors and support staff**

James 3:17 The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit impartial and sincere.

- Pray for adequate number of trained counselors and supportive staff who are equipped to meet the mental health needs of students.
- Help these staff members make wise, godly decisions affecting our students.
- Give them divine insights to unseen needs and hurts.

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## **Day# 8**

### **Principals, Administrators and School Boards**

Galatians 5:22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Joshua 1:9

- Help these vital personnel bring safety, unity and direction to those they lead.
- Enable these individuals to be approachable, hospitable and peace-makers.
- May they be wise, courageous, visionary, informed leaders of their school districts
- That they would be gatekeepers of truth in their districts.

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## **Day# 9**

### **Government and educational organizations**

I Timothy 2:1-2 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.

Philippians 4:8

- Remove obstacles and hindrances created by unnecessary bureaucracy.
- Raise God fearing men and women to national leadership and decision making positions.

**Day# 10**  
**Elementary schools**

Luke 18:16 Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

- Identify students who fell behind during Covid restrictions. Unity with teachers on how to help them catch up to where they should be.
- Protect their innocence and care for their social and emotional needs .
- Protection from bullying and cruel behavior
- Christian teachers to have a vital impact in the spiritual lives of children.

**Adams Elementary School**

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

- Thank you for divine guidance uniting Grace of Christ and Adams Elementary School
- Surround the school and playground with safety and joy.
- Pray for principal, Guy Kaplicky, and his leadership.
- Pray for every student, teacher, support staff members and volunteers.
- Pray each student would feel loved and accepted and flourish in a positive learning and work place.
- Funds available to address any special needs of students.
- Affirming teacher and parent cooperation.

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**Day# 11**  
**Middle and high-schools and alternative schools**

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.

Psalm 119:1-5

- Pray for wisdom and discernment with friendships, temptations and distractions.
- Pray for the friendships that are edifying and fulfilling.
- Empower Christian students to model godly and righteous living among their peers.
- May Christian on-campus organizations flourish and draw teens to Christ.

*(Consider Prayer-walking with a friend around your child's school.)*

## **Day# 12**

### **Home schools, private schools, Christian schools**

James 1:25 The man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom (the Word of God), and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

- Pray for the students, parents, tutors, teachers and support staff.
- Pray for the unique challenges and obstacles in these educational settings.
- Pray for the financial issues involved with these educational schools.

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## **Day# 13**

### **Colleges and universities**

Isaiah 64:2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make Your name known to Your enemies and cause the nations to quake before You!

Isaiah 64:8

- Pray Christian students will not leave the church and would continue to grow and develop spiritually and intellectually.
- Pray Jesus would be welcome at colleges and universities.
- Pray for protection and avoidance of destructive distractions, sin and immorality.
- Pray for Christian students to live courageous and righteous lifestyles.

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## **Day# 14**

### **The Church**

Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into His harvest field.”

Proverbs 29:18

- Alert our church family to the needs of students and their families.
- Use our church family to mentor, tutor, teach and coach our students.
- Give us creative ideas for how to share the love of Jesus with students and teachers outside our walls.
- Give us a vision to bless and grow our connection with the students, staff and parents at Adams Elementary and in our community.

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## **Day# 15**

### **Our young people facing adversities and the world’s temptations**

Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

I Corinthians 10:13

- Pray for students experiencing poverty, language and cultural barriers, drug and alcohol exposure, domestic violence, gang influence, depression, gun violence.
- Pray for students with learning disabilities, mental health issues, failing grades.
- Pray students will be taught skills enabling them to avoid temptations and pitfalls.
- Pray for a godly moral compass knowing right from wrong.

## **Day#16**

### **School curricula**

John 8:32 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Philippians 4:8

- Pray for teachers and school boards selecting godly curricula that preserves our Christian heritage and promotes healthy outcomes.
- Pray for teaching materials that promote biblical values.
- Pray students will have discerning minds to see truth versus deception.
- Parent involvement and transparency in what is being taught to students.

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## **Day# 17**

### **Grace of Christ Children's and Youth Ministry**

Hebrews 10:24-25 Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together,...but let us encourage one another.

Acts 20:28

- Grateful thanks for Kara and Sarah. Bless them with Godly insight, wisdom, and Holy Spirit driven leadership.
- Bless all the students and teachers involved with Graces' ministry to youth including Camp Ghormley, Trailseekers.
- Pray for effective Bible teaching and students making serious commitments to follow Christ.
- Build strong relationships between students and teachers that welcome biblical teaching and instruction.

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## **Day# 18**

### **Praying for vision (God-given purpose)**

I Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Jeremiah 29:11

Proverbs 19: 20-21

Psalms 139:13-16

2Thessalonians 3:3

- Help our students find their true identity and God given gifts and purpose.
- Pray that our students grasp that they were known by God before they were born and that they are a precious gift from God.

## **Day# 19**

### **Hearing and responding to God's call**

Isaiah 30:19,21...How gracious He will be when you cry for help! As soon as He hears, He will answer you. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Psalms 119:103-105

- Teach us and our students to hear your voice and respond to your leading.
- Help us to be courageous and bold as we follow your direction.
- Soften students' hearts, instill a spiritual hunger and inspire them to dialogue with Jesus to lead them to a saving faith.

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## **Day# 20**

### **Christian students in public schools**

Psalms 25:4-5 Show me Your way, O LORD, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalms 119:133

Matthew 5:16

- Pray Christian students will be faithful, loving, bold, wise ambassadors for the gospel.
- Pray for whole-hearted obedience to following Jesus and a boldness in sharing their faith.
- Pray that Christian campus organizations would flourish.

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## **Day# 21**

### **A Godly Generation to Arise**

Psalms 112:1-2 Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in His commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Isaiah 44:3

Isaiah 61:3-4

John 10:10

Ephesians 6:12

- Pray God-fearing students be equipped and skilled in ways our culture will listen and respond to.
- May students in schools and universities across our nation be blessed with your Spirit of wisdom and know Your immeasurable love and kingdom purpose you have for them.
- We pray for our future leaders.

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*Thank you for answering the call and saying "yes" to praying for our children here in our valley and across the nation-- the next generation-- and their schools. We trust that you have been blessed as you have blessed them.*

*Grace of Christ Prayer Priority Team*