



Roland-Story Schools Community Prayer Night

Welcome! We are so glad to partner in prayer for those involved with our Roland-Story School System! The following are some suggested prayer points to help provide some structure during our prayer time. Please use these as a guide if needed, or take these home and pray throughout the year.

At each school, break into small groups and pray for God's guidance, protection, wisdom & peace for:

1. Students (including those who are homeschooled)
2. Families/Parents/Guardians
3. Teachers (and classroom assistants)
4. Leadership:
 - a. Administration (Principal, support staff)
 - b. Superintendent and School Board members
5. Secretaries, nurses, bus drivers, maintenance, cafeteria workers, etc.
6. Coaches & assistants
7. Godly peers/influence
8. Others?

Ten Prayers for Public Schools By The Navigators

- 1. Love.** "Father, may the students and staff of this school experience Your love through the Christians they know in profound and authentic ways" (John 13:35).
- 2. Truth.** "Lord, release truth in this school. Help students to rightly discern truth and not believe false teachings" (Proverbs 23:23).
- 3. School board.** "I pray blessings on each school board member (try to pray for them by name). Father, may your will be done at board meetings" (Romans 13:1).
- 4. Principal.** "May (name of principal) recognize the God-given responsibility he/she has for the best interests of the children who attend the school. May (name of principal) walk in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth" (Proverbs 2:1-11).
- 5. Failing students.** "Lord, I ask you to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Protect them from feelings of worthlessness and shame" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- 6. Violence.** "Lord, stay the hand of violence against the children and staff of this school. Dismantle any plan to bring harm to them. Expose any weapon brought into the school premises and render it harmless" (Psalm 34:7; 54:1).
- 7. Christian programs.** "Father, I pray for abundant blessings on programs that bring Christ into this public school. Help the groups who sponsor such programs function according to your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers" (1 Corinthians 12:12,13).
- 8. Christian students.** "Grant the Christian students who attend this school wisdom and boldness in living out their faith. Help them share effectively the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with their classmates" (1 Timothy 4:12).
- 9. A chosen generation.** "Father, may your kingdom come. From the students at this school, raise up a generation of people who worship you in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23,24; 1 Peter 2:9).
- 10. An open door.** "Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus" (Matthew 7:7; 1 Corinthians 16:9).

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Other suggested prayer items:

1. **Rejected / Bullied Students.** Lord, comfort those students who feel overwhelmed or rejected by their peers or teachers. Surround them with people or students who show them your love, right where they are at. Convict and bring your justice to those who reject or bully them. (Ps 147:3)
2. **Christian teachers/staff.** Lord, help all Christian teachers and staff to live out their faith with your wisdom and direction each day. Help them, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be your salt and light; protect them from fear or discouragement or doubts. Daily draw them into your Word, into prayer for others and into Christian fellowship. (Matt 5:13-16; Col 4:2; 1 Pet 3:15-16)
3. **Christian Repentance.** Lord, help those believers who have hurt other students, teachers, staff, etc. through unkind words or actions to repent and make amends with those they have offended. (Eph 4:31-32) Also help them to forgive others as Christ has forgiven them.(Mt 5:44)
4. **Special Education teachers/staff.** Lord, help those encouraging and teaching those with special needs (physical, emotional, intellectual, relational, etc.). Give them your patience, wisdom and strength. Help them make the best decisions according to your Truth for those children they are entrusted with.
5. **Those who do not yet follow Christ.** Lord, open the eyes of those students, teachers, staff who do not yet know you as Savior and Lord. Draw them into your Word and surround them with many examples of Christ-like living and transformed lives. Help them see their need for Jesus and draw them into your forever family. (John 3:16; John 6:44; Rom 6:23)
6. **Homeschool families.** Lord, help those in our community that are schooled at home. Guide and direct homeschool teachers and students to learn well and serve others. Help them to connect with others and help them to follow you.
7. **Other Staff.** Lord, help the counselors, teacher's aides, nurses, maintenance personnel, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, coaching staff, psychologists, and other staff to treat all students and all staff with respect. Help them to build up others and live out your truth in their words and actions. (1 Thes 5:11)
8. **Parents.** Lord, give parents your wisdom to learn to balance your grace and truth, discipline and encouragement, to help their kids with their homework, social activities, and schedules. Help them to best show your love to their kids and other kids for your glory! (Prov 22:6; Eph 6:1-4)
9. **Our community.** Lord, help our community to show Christ-like love and support for all our parents, students, faculty and staff. Help us to know how best to support and pray for those working in our school system and beyond. Help us to live in peace with one another. (Heb 12:14)
10. **Moral purity.** Lord, we pray you would help students and staff to follow your Word, to build their moral foundation upon it. Give them your strength to not give in to destructive peer pressure, help them to stand firm on your Truth and make right moral decisions in all areas of life. (1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 2:22)
11. **Authority.** Help all students to respect authority and have good relationships with teachers, administrators and staff. (Rom 13:1-7)
12. **Learning.** Lord give these students a hunger for learning and help the teachers to know how best to instruct students who learn at different levels and in different ways. Enable students and teachers to use their knowledge for Your purposes.(Prov 1:7; John 8:31-32)
13. **Sports and Extracurricular activities.** Lord, help students to broaden their skills and experience. Help them and their parents to know "how to say no" to too much extra activities. Help them to discern how much social media and other activities are too much.
14. **Fun & Rest.** Thank you Lord for giving us rest. Help all the teachers and staff and students to get the proper rest they need to function well. (Matt 11:28-30)