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Philippians 4:6-7

#SchoolsThatPray

Prayer Guide for Christian Educators and Schools
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Although we are living in uncertain times, aren’t you glad that we serve a certain Lord? God’s dependability and trustworthiness anchor our hearts and minds. We praise God for our ultimate hope provided through His Son Jesus Christ!

In our theme verse for this year’s ACSI Day of Prayer, Paul was trying to teach the church at Philippi that contentment will never be found in circumstances, but only in Jesus Christ.

As we face ever-changing circumstances surrounding us today, we must let the peace of Christ rule our hearts and minds (Col. 3:15) so that we can firmly and securely live out our part in God’s larger story.

The ACSI Day of Prayer is an annual event that advances Christ-centered education by advocating through prayer. I encourage you and your school to pray for your school community and Christian schooling around the world during the ACSI Day of Prayer on February 15. Together as the global church body, we can raise our petitions to God and know He will provide peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

Dr. Larry Taylor
ACSI President
2022 Day of Prayer Theme: Shalom

Last year, ACSI unveiled Flourishing School Culture Model research that measures strengths in five main areas of well-being, purpose, relationships, expertise & resources along with teaching & learning. The theme “Shalom” takes flourishing a step further.

Shalom is more than a Hebrew greeting. It’s more than just about well-being. It is an understanding that we have a part to play in God’s larger story. Before time began, God planned for you and your school to make a difference in your community, right where you are, for such as time as this. It is contentment found in Jesus no matter the cultural tides encircling us. When the shalom of the Lord is present, there is flourishing.

As you plan for the Day of Prayer, we encourage you to use this guide. Be creative by utilizing prayer stations, displaying student illustrations of shalom, or highlighting peacemakers in your school community. No matter what you do, share your ideas and pictures with your ACSI family at #SchoolsThatPray on social media.

Let’s unleash the Lord’s shalom into this world of chaos!

It’s easy to get involved with these simple steps:

- **PARTICIPATE**
  Let us know that you are a part of this global day of prayer at [www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer](http://www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer). You’ll have access to additional resources, ideas and support.

- **PLAN**
  You can make this day as simple or elaborate as you want by praying personally or creating an experience for you and others.

- **PROMOTE**
  Whether you are planning a Day of Prayer event or praying on your own, help us promote this day through social media or through your community.

- **PRAY**
  Pray on February 15, 2022, using the five areas of flourishing, concentrating on having peace and contentment no matter the circumstances.
Ways to Make This Day Special For Christian Educators & Schools

Plan the Day of Prayer
Consider appointing a prayer coordinator or forming a team to plan a larger event or emphasis. Use the following to spark ideas for planning the day:

- Create a special chapel or assembly to bring your school together to pray.
- Print and distribute the 2022 Day of Prayer Guide.
- Determine a specific time to pray no matter where you are.
- Create a prayer room or walk with prayer stations.
- Develop a sign-up for different classrooms or grades to pray each hour to cover the day.
- Consider fasting in order to focus on prayer time.
- Create a prayer and/or blessing wall.
- Create an art display illustrating the Day of Prayer theme.

As You Begin
- Pray for what you should do.
- Review and download event materials.
- Plan your day’s event experience.
- Delegate responsibilities and assign task deadlines.

Now – February
- Work on event details as needed.
- Promote the Day of Prayer.

February 15, 2022 – Day of Prayer
- Watch God work and move as you pray.

Promote Day of Prayer Activities
Once you have a plan, consider the following ways to let your school community know about the day:

As You Begin
- Seek support and approval for any activities from your administration.
- Gain support from your teaching team by letting them know in advance about the day.
- Encourage teachers to weave the concept of prayer throughout the day’s academic activities.
- Consider how to include local churches, parents or alumni in promotion and involvement of this day.
- Be prayerful as you plan details.

January – February
- Download and print promotional and event materials as needed to help you promote and prepare for this day within your school community. Resources include posters, bulletin inserts, social media graphics, a bookmark, videos and presentation slides.
- Gather local prayer requests.

Day of the Event
- Show school unity by dressing in school colors.
- Document the day through social media using the hashtag #SchoolsThatPray.
- Collect testimonials on what the day meant to each person. Post those with permission at www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer.
Theme-Related Bible Verses

THEME VERSE: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

2 Thessalonians 3:16
Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

John 16:33
I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Isaiah 26:3-4
You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Psalm 46:1
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Hebrews 12:14
To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. And God granted his request.

Number 6:24-26
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Psalm 92:12-13
The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Romans 5:1
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:27
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Isaiah 32:17
And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

1 Corinthians 14:33a
For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

Colossians 3:15
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Matthew 5:9
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 11:28
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

James 3:18
And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Psalm 4:8
In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 29:11
May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
Prayer is the most intimate communication with God, our Father. As such, consider these areas in which to pray:

**ADORATION**
- Praise God for who He is.

**CONFESSION**
- Seek personal forgiveness.
- Ask for forgiveness for moral decay in our world.

**THANKSGIVING**
- Thank God for everything He has done for you.
- Thank Him for the students, educators and leadership.
- Thank God for opportunities and new avenues of ministry.

**SUPPLICATION**
- Personal concerns/needs.
- Pray for others in your community.
- Ask God to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian education
  - Opportunities to transform the hearts and minds of children.
  - Help educators to provide education grounded in biblical truth.
  - Raise up godly leaders and educators to train up the next generation to follow Jesus Christ.
  - Strategic planning and vision for opportunities to advance Christian education.
- Ask God to provide access of Christian education for every child
  - Global outreach.
  - Poor/needy children to have the ability to attend a Christian school (i.e. scholarship funds, etc.).
  - Christian education to flourish through resources, removed barriers, increased opportunities, etc.
  - Creativity of education through new/innovative delivery.
- Ask God for advocates for Kingdom education
  - Local churches to support Christ-centered education in their community.
  - Legislative support and resources to defend and protect freedom of education.
  - Community leaders to support Christ-centered education.
Day of Prayer Station Ideas

Prayer stations provide a hands-on approach to communicating with God. It helps deepen rote prayers. Prayer stations can simply be places where a prayer item is posted as a sign to pray about. Prayer stations can also be interactive with things to do as you pray. The ideas below will require preparation. Make each station as elaborate or simple as you like. Consider interweaving scripture verses into the stations as you feel led. You can choose one or more ideas to create your station flow or create your own. Consider the music and lighting for each station to create a full interactive sensory experience.

ADORATION

IDEA ONE: Provide a sheet of white butcher paper or individual sheets and crayons. Have each person draw what they are thankful for most about who God is.

IDEA TWO: Provide letter tiles and have participants spell out words that describe who God is. Have them thank God for that attribute.

CONFESSION

IDEA ONE: Have a cross on the floor or draw out a cross. Have each person pick up a black stone and pray, confessing any personal sin. Place the black stone on the cross. Have them take a clear stone as a reminder that God forgives us of our sins through Jesus Christ dying on the cross.

IDEA TWO: Place a steering wheel at the station or street signs or road signs. List the question: Where have you steered wrong? Where are you not aligned with God? Ask God to forgive you.

IDEA THREE: Provide Play-Doh. Have participants think about something that has taken a higher place than God. Have them mold the Play-Doh into that figure. Then, have them pray that God will be first in their life and that they smash that idol from their life. Literally have them smash the Play-Doh as a commitment to turn back to God and put Him first in their life.

THANKSGIVING

IDEA ONE: Provide blocks (i.e. DUPLO, LEGO or wooden). Challenge participants to think of the blessings of God one by one and stack a block for every blessing. Then ask them to see how tall their tower is.

IDEA TWO: Create a blessing wall using sticky notes, index cards or a white board. Ask participants to write blessings down and leave it for others to see as a testimony of God’s faithfulness.
SUPPLICATION

ADVANCING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
IDEA ONE: Create a space using maps or a globe. Print the prayer cards from the ACSI event resource file. Pray for the needs listed for each region of the world. When you have prayed for a region, set a colored stone or some type of marker on the map.

IDEA TWO: Use the online prayer globe wall and pray for prayer requests listed there.

IDEA THREE: Hang pictures of Christian educators and leaders in your area to pray for. Have a card prepared that says “We prayed for you today” and have participants sign it. Send the card to the educator/leader after the Day of Prayer.

PROVIDING ACCESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
IDEA ONE: Put some rice in a bowl and place plastic spoons and sandwich bags around it. In John 6:35: Jesus reminds us that “I am the Bread of Life.” Have participants consider children around the world who are not only physically hungry, but spiritually hungry to know more about Jesus. Pray for opportunities for Christian schools to reach out to these children in tangible ways. After the participant prays, have them scoop a spoonful of rice in to the plastic bag.

IDEA TWO: Display beautiful green plants. Have participants pray for Christian education to flourish.

IDEA THREE: Form a small wall of cinderblocks and provide markers. Encourage participants to write one word or small phrase that is a barrier right now to growing (i.e. finances, leaders, strategy, etc.). Pray that God will remove those barriers and break down walls to advance access of Christian education.

IDEA FOUR: Have various lights turned on or light bulbs displayed. Pray for innovative ideas and creativity for Christian education to grow and flourish.

ADVOCATING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
IDEA ONE: Pass out snack-size packages of M&M’s or Skittles with a color guide. As participants enjoy the yummy snack, they should pray for: Orange - the teacher in their life; Blue - freedom of Education; Yellow - your school to be a light in your community; Green - the school administration to lead with a God-given, mission-minded mission; Brown - their family to be a strong voice for Jesus Christ.

IDEA TWO: Display global flags, the American flag, your state flag and the Christian flag. Encourage participants to pray for global, national and state government leaders, local schools and Christians everywhere.

IDEA THREE: Create construction paper hearts or have die-cut hearts or stickers. Pray for you to have a heart for Christian education. Pray for school leaders/teachers to have a continued passion for Christian education. Pray for government/community leaders to have a heart for Christian education. As a commitment to continue praying for Christian education, have participants write their name on a heart and display it on the wall in a way you choose.
Maintaining Momentum

It's exciting to build anticipation and participation for a single day of prayer. Our desire at ACSI is that this would be a catalyst for ongoing commitment of prayer. Here are some ways to continue maintaining momentum:

• Develop prayer partners within your school.
• Sign up to participate in the ACSI Online Community. We will connect you with another school to pray for in the next year.
• Set a particular day of the week or time each day to pray for Christian education.
• Share your stories, ideas and testimonies on the ACSI Facebook page.

Keep up-to-date on our social media

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ACSIUSA
Twitter: @ACSIUSA
Instagram: acsi.usa

Be sure to checkout our Day of Prayer Community Group: your.acsi.org/prayercommunity

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