



# 2026 GLOBAL DAY *of* PRAYER



# POWER IN PRAYER

**February 24, 2026**

*"The prayer of a righteous person has  
great power as it is working."*

James 5:16





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**Thank you for downloading the 2026 Global Day of Prayer Guide.**

The ACSI Global Day of Prayer advances Christ-centered education through the greatest communication tool we have, which is talking with the Creator of the universe.

In the book of James, often referred to as the “Proverbs of the New Testament,” the writer, who is likely the younger brother of Jesus, penned, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” This marvelous declaration in James 5:16 (ESV) should bring you great joy and excitement today! For we know that the power that healed the sick and raised the dead in the days of Jesus’ ministry and the early church has the same power now and is available to anyone who puts their trust in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior (Romans 1:17).

**Billy Graham once said, “True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises, you will be in practice.”**

### **What are you facing today?**

Whether your school is dealing with financial difficulty, walking a staff member through a challenging health journey, or facing an amazing opportunity that seems overwhelming, God is actively working on your behalf even when you may not see it. He is El Shaddai, all-sufficient, and more than enough to meet our needs. Through prayer, you can plug into the greatest power source possible!

The ACSI Global Day of Prayer on February 24, 2026, can be a transformational moment in the life of your school community. By coming together, not only will you model having a relationship with God through prayer, but you can witness His active presence and work. I challenge you to record prayer requests and then to account for how God answers.

Our ACSI Ministry Team has developed helpful ideas and resources inside this prayer guide for your school to plan, promote, and participate in the ACSI Global Day of Prayer. I can’t wait to hear how God moves on your campus and through the lives of the students He has entrusted you to serve.




Praying for you and with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Taylor, Ph.D.  
ACSI President & CEO







**“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”**

**— James 5:16**

## Global Day of Prayer Theme: Power in Prayer

This year's theme for the ACSI Global Day of Prayer is **“Power in Prayer,”** coming from the latter part of James 5:16, which says, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” At the heart of this theme is a desire for school leaders throughout the world to come together and cry out to God with the confidence that He uses prayer to change the world.

But what exactly does James mean when he says, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”? And how should we, as Christian educators, respond to this promise of prayer?

Throughout his letter, James shares words of wisdom and practical guidance to the churches of the region, reminding them of the importance of practicing their faith not merely through the words they speak but through the lives they live. As the letter concludes, he calls those who are dealing with sickness, walking through trials, and burdened with sin to confess to one another and to pray with one another that they would be healed.

He then shares this beautiful promise of the effectiveness of prayer for the child of God: “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

Is that not one of the loveliest assurances of prayer? What a great and merciful God we serve, that He would not only listen to us when we pray, but also work when we pray!

And this promise is not only reserved for the heroes of the faith or the pastors or so-called upper echelon of those who follow Jesus, but for any and every child of God. The “righteous person” is any believer whose sins have been forgiven, who is justified in Christ in the sight of God, and who prays in faith. Like the prophet Elijah, “a man with a nature like ours” (James 5:17), we should pray with confidence and expectancy for “His kingdom come, and His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10) The prayer of faith is not characterized with a disposition of demanding pride, but one of surrendered humility. Even as our Lord and Savior prayed in the garden, “Not my will, but Your will be done.” (Luke 22:42)



The promise of power in prayer is not a guarantee that every request will be answered according to our desires or our wants. Even in prayer, the follower of Jesus will experience disappointment. The promise of power in prayer is the assurance that a sovereign God listens and works when we pray. Oswald Chambers explains it this way: “Whenever we insist that God should give us an answer to prayer, we are off track. The purpose of prayer is that we get ahold of God, not of the answer.” Faithful and effective prayer is not an alignment of God’s will to ours, but an alignment of our will to God’s. The effective prayer is not found in the potency of our requests but in the powerful nature of our God.

So, as we prepare our hearts for this Global Day of Prayer, how should we, as Christian educators, respond to the promise of James 5:16?

The answer is clear and simple: **We should pray!** There is possibly no greater blessing for the child of God than the knowledge that God desires that we talk to Him and that He listens when we do.

More than only a call to pray, this year’s theme for ACSI’s Global Day of Prayer is a call to remember our position in Christ, to walk in humble dependence upon Him, and to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. As we walk with the Lord, let’s pray with fervor that the gospel would be proclaimed in our schools, let’s pray with confidence that God desires to seek and save the lost, and let’s pray with consistency that Christian education would be used by God to draw people to Himself and make disciples of all nations.

No matter the circumstances of the season we find ourselves in, may we look and see that God is at work in our lives, in our schools, and in our communities. And let us commit to pray with and for one another, with the confidence that the prayers of righteous people have great power as they are working and that God uses the prayers of His people to change the world!





## It's easy to get involved with these simple steps:

1

### **PARTICIPATE**

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

2

### **PLAN**

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

3

### **PROMOTE**

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

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### **PRAY**

Pray on February 24, 2026, by concentrating on abiding in Christ as we proclaim, serve, disciple, and persevere, for the glory of His Name and the blessing of others.



# Power in Prayer—Scripture Framework

## Power in Prayer to Seek God's Presence

- “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13
- “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” Psalm 145:18
- Prayer Prompt: Lord, help us to seek You with all our hearts and know Your nearness as we pray.

## Power in Prayer to Trust God's Provision

- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God...” Philippians 4:6-7
- Prayer Prompt: Father, teach us to bring every need before You and trust You as our provider.

## Power in Prayer for Our School

- “May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17
- “We constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling...” 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
- Prayer Prompt: Lord, bless our school with Your favor and let all we do bring glory to You.

## Power in Prayer Over Our Students

- “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12
- “How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.” Psalm 119:9
- Prayer Prompt: Father, help our students grow in wisdom, character, and a love for Your Word.

## Power to Pray Over Our Families

- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children...” Deuteronomy 6:4-7
- “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26
- Prayer Prompt: God, bless our families to love You fully, teach Your Word faithfully, and walk in Your peace together.

## Power in Prayer for Wisdom and Discernment

- “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5
- “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5–6
- Prayer Prompt: Lord, guide our leaders, teachers, and students with wisdom and discernment in every decision.



# Timeline for Planning and Promoting the Global Day of Prayer

## STEP 1:

### As You Begin

- ☐ Pray for what your school should do.
- ☐ Appoint a **prayer coordinator** (or form a committee) to champion your school-wide DOP.
- ☐ Review and download event materials at [www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer](http://www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer).
- ☐ Delegate responsibilities and assign task deadlines.

## STEP 2:

### Now - February

#### Plan Global Day of Prayer

- ☐ Plan your day's event experience. Use ACSI prayer guide and resources to assist you. Sample ideas: (see *Additional Resources* at [www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer](http://www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer))
  - ♦ School-Wide Plan – determine how you'll use the ACSI prayer guide and prayer prompts (or create your own), choose age-appropriate engagement activities, elevate and communicate your plan with staff and students, plan a school-wide event (All School Worship, Prayer Walk, use ACSI Interactive Prayer Map).
  - ♦ Divisional Plan – plan a chapel with a prayer emphasis; designate prayer activities in the classrooms or in advisory groups.
  - ♦ Utilize the **Global Day of Prayer Map** to input prayer needs and pray for other school.
- ☐ Seek support and approval for any activities from your administration.
- ☐ Gain support and involvement from your leadership, staff, and families by communicating details about the day. Sample email ideas: (***Templates included in Additional Resources at [www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer](http://www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer)***)
  - ♦ Leadership and Staff Email – describe and elevate the importance of prayer and the prayer theme; include the Global Day of Prayer guide, details for all-school event and/or divisional plans, engagement activities, interactive prayer map, and parent at-home participation guide.
  - ♦ Student Email – describe and elevate the importance of prayer and the prayer theme; include a tool in which students can submit prayer requests confidentially, the day of the event schedule, the prayer guide and engagement activities, and an explanation of the parent at-home participation guide.
  - ♦ Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Email – describe and elevate the importance of prayer, the prayer theme, and the school plan for students; include prayer prompts or a guide and question prompts for discussion at home.

## Promote Global Day of Prayer

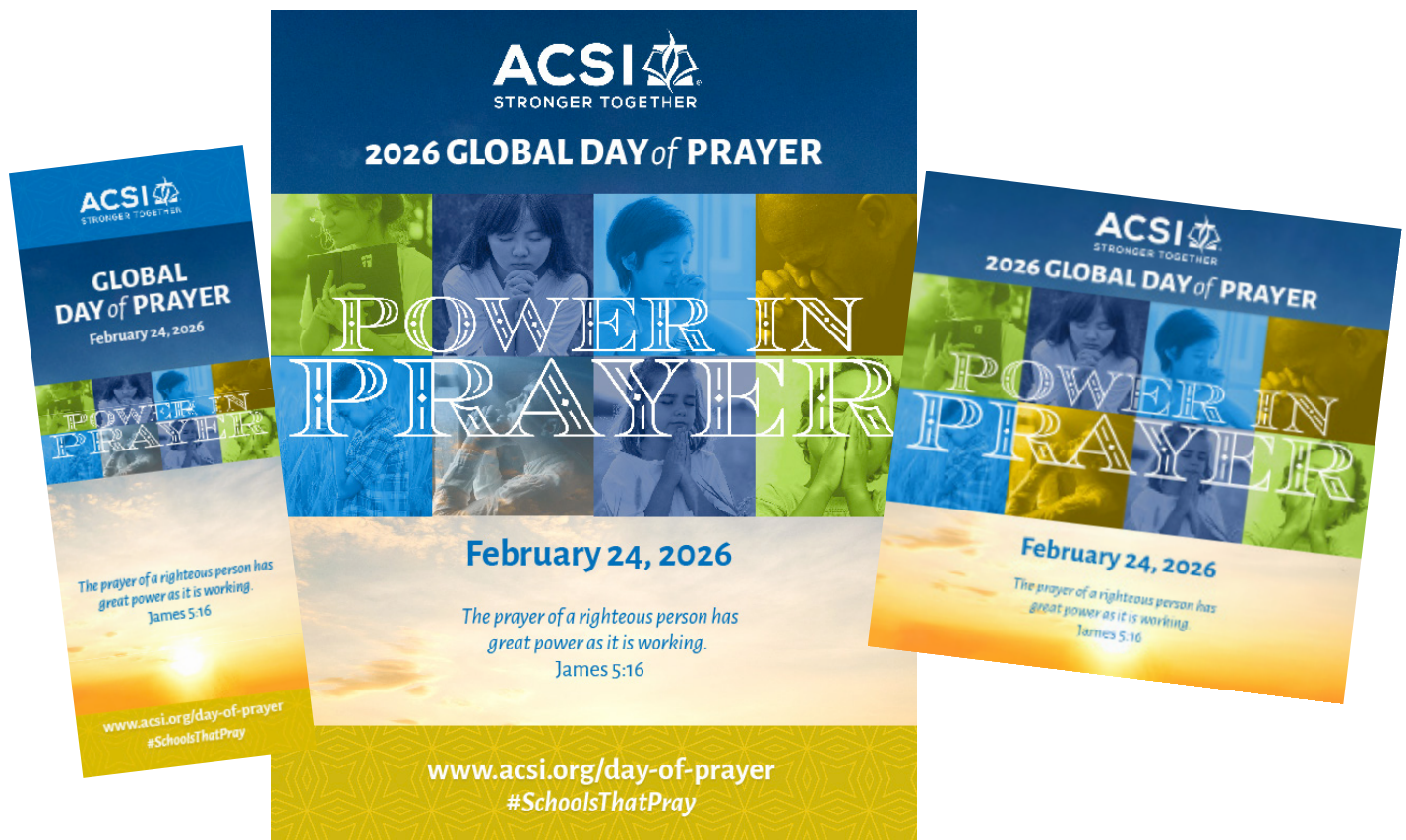
Once you have an internal plan, consider the following ways to let your external school community know about the day:

- ☐ Encourage teachers to weave the concept of prayer throughout the day's academic activities by providing a plan and resources.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Consider how to include local churches, parents, or alumni in the promotion and involvement of this day.
- ☐ Be prayerful as you plan details.

### STEP 3:

#### Day of the Event – February 24, 2026

- ☐ Consider ways to set the day apart such as showing school unity by dressing in school colors.
- ☐ Utilize the [Global Day of Prayer Map](#) to input prayer needs and pray for other schools.
- ☐ Document the day through social media using the hashtag **#SchoolsThatPray**.
- ☐ Collect testimonials on what the day means to each person. Post those with permission at [www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer](http://www.acsi.org/day-of-prayer).







Prayer is the most intimate  
communication with God,  
our Father.

Consider these areas in which to pray:

## Adoration: Worshiping God for Who He Is

*His attributes, His name, and His character*

**“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” Psalm 95:6**

**“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” Revelation 4:11**

- Take a moment to reflect on God’s attributes—His love, power, holiness, and faithfulness.
- Ask the Lord to help you worship Him sincerely with your heart, mind, and voice.
- Speak or write out one sentence of praise for God for something specific He has done.

## Confession: Admitting Our Sin Before a Holy God

*Silently confess your sins to the God who loves, forgives, and restores*

**“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.” Psalm 51:1**

- “Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” James 5:16a.
- Take a few moments to silently confess your sin to the Lord, knowing that He promises to forgive and cleanse you of all unrighteousness.
- Ask the Lord to reveal areas in your life that need repentance and cleansing.
- Confess your sins honestly, thanking God for His forgiveness.

## Thanksgiving: Thanking God for What He Has Done

*An overflow of thankfulness for what He has done in and around your life*

**“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.” Psalm 103:2–3**

**“Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57**

- Remember and name specific ways God has shown His goodness this week—in big and small ways.
- Thank God for hearing your prayers and answering according to His perfect will.
- Write down three victories or blessings you’ve seen in your life, your family, or your school, and give God glory for them.

## **Supplication: Bringing Our Requests to God**

*Praying for concerns and needs in our lives and in our world*

**“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16**

**“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3**

**“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” Ephesians 3:20**

- Take a few moments and pray for any personal concerns or needs in your own life. Pray for God to meet the needs of your school and your community.
- Write down or speak aloud specific requests, remembering to pray for both yourself and others.
- Here are some specific ways that you can pray for your school and other ACSI schools around the world:
  - Ask God to **advance** the kingdom of God through Christian education:
    - o Pray for the gospel to transform the hearts and minds of students worldwide.
    - o Ask God to equip educators to teach with truth, courage, and biblical conviction.
    - o Pray for the raising up of godly leaders and teachers who will disciple the next generation.
    - o Ask for wisdom in strategic planning to strengthen Christian education globally.
  - Ask God to provide **access** to Christian education for every child:
    - o Pray for open doors in nations where Christian schools face opposition.
    - o Ask God to provide scholarships and resources for children in need.
    - o Pray for creativity in delivering Christian education in hard-to-reach places.
    - o Ask God to remove barriers so more families can choose Christ-centered schools.
  - Ask God for **advocates** for kingdom education:
    - o Pray for local churches to partner with and champion Christian schools.
    - o Ask God to raise up advocates in government and policy to protect educational freedom.
    - o Pray that community leaders would see the eternal value of Christ-centered education.



# Global Day of Prayer

## Classroom Engagement Ideas: Lower School

Designed for teachers to use with their students in Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle and Upper School Prayer Guide activities are also available if needed to meet the developmental ages of your students. We encourage you to utilize the ACSI Prayer Wall with your students so you can pray for Christian Schools across the globe.

### Hand Praying in Power

Trace each child's hand on construction paper. On each finger, have them write or draw:

- Thumb – pray for family (those closest to us)
- Pointer – pray for teachers/leaders (those who point the way)
- Tallest finger – pray for nations and world leaders
- Ring finger – pray for friends and classmates
- Pinky – pray for themselves (our needs matter to God)

Attach all the hands to a big poster and pray through them as a class.

**Teaching Point:** Prayer touches every part of our lives. God hears when we pray for both the big things and the everyday things. Prayer elevates God and reminds us that we depend on Him for everything.

### Power in Prayer Walk

Take students on a short “prayer walk” around the school (classroom, playground, cafeteria). At each stop, pause and pray for the people who use that space.

- In the library – “Lord, give us wisdom and a love for learning.”
- In the cafeteria – “Thank You for food and the people who prepare it.”
- On the playground – “Help us to be kind and good friends.”

**Teaching Point:** Prayer isn't just for church or bedtime; it's talking with God everywhere. We can be confident He always hears.

### God Listens When We Pray – Cup Phones

Have pairs of students make a simple “cup phone” with string and paper cups. Let them talk into it and notice how sound travels. Then say: “Unlike this cup phone, prayer doesn't need a string. God hears us instantly—even if we whisper or just think it.”

**Teaching Point:** Prayer has power not because of our words but because of the One we pray to. Jesus is alive and always interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

### Power in Prayer for the World

Display a world map. Give each child a sticker or small flag. As they place it on a country, say a short prayer: “Lord, help the children and schools in \_\_\_\_\_ know You and love You.”

Connect this with the ACSI Prayer Wall by explaining that children across the world are praying with you right now.

**Teaching Point:** Prayer unites God's people everywhere. When we pray for the nations, we join God's mission to make His name known in all the earth.

## Jesus Taught Us to Pray in Power

Teach the Lord's Prayer with simple motions:

- "Our Father in heaven" – point up
- "Give us today our daily bread" – pretend to eat
- "Forgive us our sins" – cross arms over chest
- "Lead us not into temptation – shake head "no"

Practice together, then talk about how Jesus showed us the way to pray because prayer is powerful and God wants to hear from His children.

**Teaching Point:** When we pray the way Jesus taught, we come in humility and confidence, knowing God is our Father who provides, forgives, loves, and has all the power to accomplish His purposes.

## Prayer Worship Chain

Give each student a strip of paper. On it, they write or draw a praise prayer beginning with "God, You are..." (ex: "God, You are kind," "God, You are powerful"). Link the strips together into a class prayer chain and hang it in the room.

**Teaching Point:** Prayer elevates God to His rightful place. It helps us stay in a posture of trusting Him, surrendering to Him, and remembering that everything is for Him.





# Additional Activities for the ACTS Prayer Guide for Younger Students

## Adoration

- Provide paper and markers, and play a worship song such as “Great Are You Lord” (All Sons & Daughters). Invite students to draw something that shows God’s great power (mountains, storms, healing, creation, etc.) and then pray, praising God for His mighty power.
- Give students letter tiles or blocks. Have them spell out words like mighty, holy, healer, strong, Savior, etc. After building a word, encourage them to pray: “God, You are \_\_\_\_, and I praise You.”

## Confession

- Place a large cross at the front of the room. Explain that sin makes us weak, but God’s power through Jesus makes us clean. Have students write down sins on sticky notes, place them on the cross, and then remove and tear them up, symbolizing that God’s power to forgive is greater than our sin. Pray together: “God, thank You that Your power takes away our sin when we confess.”
- Give students red and white heart cutouts. On the red, write or draw something wrong we do; on the white, draw a cross or write “forgiven.” Place the white heart over the red one and pray: “God, through Your power, You make my heart clean again.”

## Thanksgiving

- Create a “Wall of Power and Praise.” Have students write or draw one way they’ve seen God’s power in their life (answered prayer, protection, healing, provision) on lightning bolt or flame cutouts. Post them on a wall and pray, thanking God for each testimony of His power.
- Blow bubbles and say: “Each bubble reminds us that God’s power is at work in us.” As students blow, they name something God has done for them and thank Him for His powerful work.
- Sit in a circle and pass around a ball. Each child shares one thing they are thankful for that shows God’s power (help on a test, courage to do something hard, healing, family needs met).

## Supplication

- Use a globe or map. Pray for God’s power to work in different countries, asking Him to give courage, strength, and hope to Christians around the world. Place a stone or marker on each country prayed for.
- Display pictures of Christian educators, leaders, or missionaries. Pray specifically that God’s power would encourage them and give them wisdom. Sign a card that says, “We prayed for you to know God’s power today.”
- Display healthy plants. Share that God’s power helps us grow strong like the plants. Pray for Christian education to flourish with God’s power in schools, homes, and churches.

# Global Day of Prayer Engagement Ideas: Middle and Upper School

Designed for teachers to use with their students in 4th-12th grades within their classroom or small group time. Use the Prayer Guide to help lead your engagement.

## Teach Students to Pray (ACTS)

Use the “**ACTS Prayer Guide**” to lead students in a time of prayer. As you move through each section, remind them that prayer elevates God to His rightful position and keeps us in a posture of confident surrender to Him. Read the verses in the **Prayer Guide** as you introduce each section of the prayer time. Read the prayer prompts aloud and give students time to pray silently and/or ask for volunteers to pray aloud. This can be a teacher-led or student-led activity.

## Guided Prayer Time

Use theme-related verses about God’s power in prayer (e.g., James 5:16, Ephesians 3:20, Philippians 4:6–7). Assign verses to students, have them read aloud, and pause for prayer and reflection in response. Encourage students to pray with anticipation for what God can do—but also surrender to His will and glory. Incorporate the ACSI Prayer Wall so they can pray for Christian schools worldwide, showing them that God’s power is at work across nations.

We would encourage you to utilize the ACSI Prayer Wall with your students so you can pray for Christian schools across the globe.

## Prayer Groups or Partners

Split students into pairs or small groups. Provide prayer prompts that highlight God’s power, such as:

- Pray that God’s power would bring revival in schools, churches, and families.
- Pray for classmates to know the hope and strength that comes through Christ.
- Pray for boldness to live out their faith with confidence.
- Encourage students to pray not only for each other’s needs but also for God’s power to be displayed in and through their lives.

Use the “Supplication” section of the Prayer Guide to aid them in their prayers.

## Prayer Corners

Use the four corners of your classroom or designate four spaces in the room for prayer. Display the Power in Prayer theme verse (James 5:16) in one space and the three “A’s” (Advance, Access, Advocacy) in the other corners. Include the specific prompts on sheets of paper in each corner and give students a few minutes to pray in each corner before moving to the next station. You could set up four corners or prayer stations in the classroom with them labeled as the following:

1. **God’s Power in Me** – Pray for God’s Spirit to strengthen them personally (Ephesians 6:10).
2. **God’s Power in My School** – Pray for teachers, friends, and leaders to stand strong in faith.
3. **God’s Power in the World** – Pray for Christians globally to remain faithful under pressure and persecution.
4. **God’s Power for His Glory** – Pray for revival, not just for personal comfort but for God’s glory to be revealed.

Give students time in each corner to reflect, pray silently, or pray with a partner.



## Practice Silence, Rest, and Worship

Teach students the importance of turning off distractions and being silent before the Lord, allowing His peace and His presence to give them rest in the midst of the busyness of their lives and daily routine. Teach students that prayer is also about listening. Take time in class to practice silence before God, asking Him to align their hearts with His character and nature. Read a theme verse (James 5:16 or Romans 8:34, “Christ Jesus...is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us”).

Pause for meditation and prayer. Play worship music such as “The Blessing” (Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes) or “Same God” (Elevation Worship), encouraging students to reflect on God’s power and presence.

**Songs:** Here are some songs that blend the themes of power and prayer:

### “The Battle Belongs”

by Phil Wickham: This song speaks of God’s power in the midst of conflict and the act of entrusting battles to Him.

### “In Jesus Name (God of Possible)”

by Katy Nichole: This track is a powerful declaration of faith and prayer, asking God to work in all circumstances.

### “Same God”

by Elevation Worship: It emphasizes the unchanging, powerful nature of God, who can still do mighty things today.

### “Lord, I Need You”

by Matt Maher: A classic worship song about the essential nature of God’s help and a plea for Him to be present in every aspect of life.

### “What a Beautiful Name”

by Hillsong Worship: This song celebrates the immense power held within the name of Jesus and how it can be called upon in prayer.

### “Spirit of the Living God”

by Vertical Worship: A song focused on the Holy Spirit’s presence and power, and the desire for Him to move through prayer.

### “O Come to the Altar”

by Elevation Worship: A call to approach God with confidence in prayer, knowing His power and willingness to receive us.

### “I Thank God”

by Housefires: A joyful and powerful expression of gratitude for God’s goodness, highlighting prayer as a way to acknowledge His might.

## Power in Prayer - Prayer Journal

Have students copy and reflect on verses such as James 5:16, Ephesians 3:20, 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. Ask:

- What does this verse show you about God’s power?
- How does prayer remind you to trust God’s strength instead of your own?

Invite them to write a personal prayer asking God to demonstrate His power in specific areas of their life, their school, or the world. Encourage volunteers to share their prayers aloud as a testimony. Close with a prayer over your students, asking God to make them bold disciples who live in the power of His Spirit.

# Additional Resources

## RESOURCE: SAMPLE EMAIL TO SEND TO PARENTS (ADJUST FOR GRANDPARENTS)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Think back for a moment to the prayers you have seen God answer in your own life. What a gift and encouragement those moments are! As we look at the state of the world today, it doesn't take much to see the brokenness around us. Yet what a powerful way we can respond—by using the gift of prayer on behalf of others across the world, for our students, and for our families. With confidence, we can petition the Lord for His continued grace and mercy, trusting that He is at work and that He “works all things together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

**ACSI Global Day of Prayer is on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.** Our school is a member of ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), which exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us in prayer by using the prayer prompts in the **Prayer Guide** (link resource). You can pray alone, gather a group of parents to pray together, or use it to guide a time of prayer with your family. We are honored to partner with you in the spiritual formation of your child.

This year's theme for the ACSI Global Day of Prayer is “**Power in Prayer**,” drawn from James 5:16: “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” At the heart of this theme is a desire for Christian school communities around the world to come together and cry out to God with confidence that He listens and works when His people pray.

James reminds us that prayer is not reserved for only the spiritual elite but is available to every believer who has been made righteous in Christ. Like Elijah, “a man with a nature like ours” (James 5:17), we can approach God in faith, praying with humility and expectancy, trusting Him to move according to His perfect will. Prayer is not about bending God's will to ours but aligning our hearts with His. As Oswald Chambers once said, “The purpose of prayer is that we get ahold of God, not of the answer.”

What a merciful God we serve—that He not only hears our prayers but works through them! This promise of prayer is an invitation to intimacy with God and an assurance of His active presence in our lives, our schools, and our world.

As we unite in prayer across the globe—for one another, for our students, for our schools, and for the advance of Christian education, may we be encouraged to:

- Pray with  **fervor**  that the gospel would be proclaimed.
- Pray with  **confidence**  knowing that God listens to the prayers of His people.
- Pray with  **boldness**  that Christian education would be used by Him to make disciples of all nations.

We also encourage you to ask your child about how their prayer time at school went on this special day and then set aside a moment to pray together as a family. These conversations and times of prayer not only nurture faith but also model for our students the confidence and joy of bringing everything before the Lord.

No matter the circumstances we face, may we be reminded that God is at work and that He chooses to use the prayers of His people to accomplish His purposes. Truly, “the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

Thankful to partner with you,



## RESOURCE: SAMPLE EMAIL FOR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Leadership and Staff,

As you reflect on the prayers you have seen answered in your own life and ministry, let them encourage you as we approach this year's **ACSI Global Day of Prayer on Tuesday, February 24, 2026**. What a powerful way to respond to the brokenness in the world, by turning to the Lord in confidence, petitioning Him for His grace and mercy, and trusting that He is working all things together for His good and His glory.

Our school is a member of ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), which exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The ACSI Global Day of Prayer is an annual event that advances Christ-centered education through intentional prayer. What a blessing it is to pray for teachers, school communities, and global impact!

This year's theme is **Power in Prayer**, from James 5:16: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." At the heart of this theme is a call for school leaders and educators around the world to cry out to God with confidence that He listens and moves when His people pray. What a privilege to be part of this global movement of intercession!

We will continue to focus our prayers on three key areas:

- **ADVANCING** – Leading Christ-centered education toward excellence and flourishing
- **ACCESS** – Making Christ-centered education available and obtainable
- **ADVOCACY** – Promoting and protecting Christ-centered education for today and tomorrow

Please take time to look over the **Prayer Guide** ([link to Guide](#)). In it, you'll find Scripture verses to use in prayer and creative ideas for engaging your students. Our desire is to make this day both simple for you to lead in your classroom and powerful for the Kingdom. We want to elevate prayer in all we do, we want to be a people who pray first. As Hudson Taylor, the 19th-century missionary, once said, "When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." God invites us into prayer with Him; may we never miss the opportunity.

Below is our general school-wide divisional plan. More details for your area will be sent next week:

### Elementary Students (add your own plans here)

- Plan a time of **organized classroom prayer**.
- Use the **Prayer Guide** verses and activities with your students and prayer buddies.
- Encourage **corporate or partner prayer** in class.
- Engage with the **Interactive Prayer Map** – pray for the needs from other schools and click to show your class has prayed.
- Join in the **morning announcement prayer** led by the principal.
- **Parent Engagement:** Each division will send an email to parents/guardians and grandparents, explaining the Global Day of Prayer and inviting them to pray with other parents or as a family using the Prayer Guide prompts. We want to be people who pray!

### Middle School and Upper School Students (add your own plans here)

- Global Day of Prayer emphasis during **chapel this week**.
- On **Tuesday, February 24**, following morning announcements, invite students into small groups, with prayer partners, or to pray corporately as a class. Use the Prayer Guide for prompts and Scripture to lead these times of prayer.
- Encourage students to engage with the **Interactive Prayer Map** and join in praying for the specific requests of other schools across the world.
- **Parent Engagement:** Each division will send an email to parents/guardians and grandparents, explaining the Global Day of Prayer and inviting them to pray with other parents or as a family using the Prayer Guide prompts. We want to be people who pray!

Thank you for helping us lead our students, families, and one another in this important day of focused prayer.

We encourage you to share stories and pictures by tagging **#SchoolsThatPray**.

It is a joy to serve and pray with you and for you. Let us come together with confidence, knowing that *“the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”*

Grateful to partner with you,

## RESOURCE: SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR CORPORATE PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENT

### Morning Announcements

Today is the **ACSI Global Day of Prayer**. Our school is part of a worldwide community of Christian schools that are setting aside this day to pray. Across the globe, in classrooms, chapels, playgrounds, and auditoriums, students and teachers are lifting prayers to the Lord together. What a gift that we get to join them!

The ACSI Global Day of Prayer is an annual event that advances Christ-centered education by advocating through prayer. Prayer is powerful because our God is powerful. He hears His children when they call, and He promises to work all things together for His glory.

Today, we will pause twice, as a school family, to read Scripture and pray. As we do, I want you to think: What do you want to see God do in your own life, in the lives of your classmates, in our school, and in our community?

Our prayers today will focus on three pillars:

- **ADVANCING** – That Christ-centered education would keep growing stronger, shaping students to think and live for Jesus.
- **ACCESS** – That every child, no matter where they live or what they face, would have the chance to learn in a Christ-centered environment.
- **ADVOCACY** – That Christian education would be protected and strengthened for today and for the future.

This year's theme is **Power in Prayer**, from James 5:16: “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

We hope you'll also look at the **Interactive Prayer Map** today on the ACSI website. On it, you can see prayer requests from Christian schools around the world. As you pray for them, click to show you've prayed, so those schools will be encouraged by knowing that Christians everywhere are lifting them up.

### Prayer over Student Body – Morning Focus: **ADVANCEMENT**

- Ask God to advance His kingdom through Christian education worldwide.
- Pray that students' hearts and minds would be transformed to follow Jesus.
- Ask God to help teachers teach with wisdom and truth from Scripture.
- Pray for new leaders to be raised up who will courageously serve Christ.
- Pray for clear vision for the future so that Christian education flourishes.



## Mid-Morning / All-School Prayer Time

This morning we focused on **Advancement**. Now we turn to **Access**.

There are millions of children across the world who long for the hope of Christ but do not yet have the opportunity to experience a Christian education. Some face financial barriers, some live in places where Christian schools are few, and some face persecution or opposition. Today, we ask God to make a way.

Let's hear from God's Word about prayer:

- *Pray with Confidence* – 1 John 5:14-15
- *Pray with Thanksgiving* – Philippians 4:6-7
- *Pray with Boldness* – Hebrews 4:16
- *Pray at All Times* – Ephesians 6:18

### Prayer over Student Body – Mid-Morning Focus: ACCESS

- Pray that more children everywhere would have access to Christ-centered education.
- Ask God to provide scholarships and resources for students in need.
- Pray for barriers to be removed so more schools can open and grow.
- Pray for creativity in how education is delivered so more children can be reached.
- Pray that every student who desires it can hear the gospel and be shaped by God's Word.

As we conclude, our focus remains on Advocacy. We pray that Christian education not only survives but also thrives. We ask the Lord to protect schools, guide leaders with wisdom, and grant boldness to speak truth in a culture that often resists it.

### Afternoon Closing Focus (optional)

As we close, our focus is on **Advocacy**. We pray that Christian education would not only survive but thrive. We ask the Lord to protect schools, guide leaders with wisdom, and give boldness to speak truth in a culture that often resists it.



## Momentum

It's exciting to build anticipation and participation for a single Global 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 coming 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.

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