

5 WAYS TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN PRAYING FOR THEIR SCHOOLS



Here are 5 different ways you can support young people in praying for their schools, either on the National Day of Prayer for Schools or at other times throughout the year. Prayer can take on many different forms, and we want to encourage young people that however they choose to pray for their schools, God hears and those prayers matter.

1. PRAYER SCAVENGER HUNT

Put the young people in your youth group into teams and give each team the task of completing a prayer scavenger hunt. The aim of the scavenger hunt is for each team to collect a photograph of them standing outside each of the local schools you have named (try and use schools within walking distance). When outside each school they should also record a video of one team member saying a prayer for that school, with the rest of the team joining in 'amen' at the end. The first team to return should receive the most points, and further points are to be allocated at your discretion based upon how well you feel the prayer task has been completed (and how creatively). The team with the most points is the winner.

2. SOCIAL MEDIA PRAYERS

Post different prayers for local schools on your youth group or church social media page. Encourage young people to comment and to share or repost from their own social media accounts. Encourage them to add their own prayers for these schools, and particularly when it comes to sharing the prayer for their own school.

3. PRAYER GATHERING

Organise a prayer gathering for your church where young people can share the things they would like people to pray for and can play a role in leading that gathering. Support the young people in preparing and leading this. They may want to write their own prayers beforehand and to come up with a list of a few things, people and specific schools they would like those who attend to get into groups and pray for. The young people could also encourage people to share any encouraging words with the whole group if this is something your church tradition is used to.

