



PRAYER WALKING OUR SCHOOLS 2021

A guide for churches

This year as we recover from a school year full of modifications due to COVID-19, we are also aware of all the usual concerns in our schools—bullying, racism, shootings, suicide, and many more. We believe there is a need, more than ever before, to begin the year in a spirit of concerted, intentional, communal prayer.

As a church in our Noonday Baptist Association, we know that you are aware of the schools and communities near you and hopefully you have even had some contact with your school(s) as a positive impact on them. We believe we have a huge opportunity this year to mobilize a prayer movement. Our hope is to get every church in our Association involved so that every school in our area is covered in prayer in August, and maybe even beyond.

Here are some simple steps to helping your church get a School PrayerWalk event.

- 1. SET A DATE.** Choose a date and time that works for your church, school, and community. Sometime around the start of school is best, but better late than never. For some a Saturday morning might be best, for some a Sunday afternoon, for others a weeknight.
- 2. COORDINATE WITH THE SCHOOL.** Contact your school's principal to get permission to be on their property and to confirm the date and time. Most will be glad that someone cares. Ask them for any specific prayer requests. Some will open up their school doors for you to walk inside, but some may not. If not, ask if you can walk around the school and pray.
- 3. ENLIST A COORDINATOR.** Each school needs a coordinator so when people come there is someone to direct them. Simple written instructions are also helpful.
- 4. PUBLICIZE.** Get the word out through social media, email, etc. For those physically unable to walk, give them the option to pray from their car or even pray from home. Let us know what schools you will be praying over. Utilize our online form provided at noodaynet.org/pray4schools or email us at pray4schools@noodaynet.org.
- 5. PROVIDE A PRAYER WALKING GUIDE.** Utilize our prayer walking guide or adapt for your own use. Keep it simple and clear. Praying Scripture is greatly encouraged. Be aware that this doubles as a way to train your people to pray.
- 6. CELEBRATE.** Take pictures and keep records of how many participated. Send us your photos and stories to pray4schools@noodaynet.org. We'd love to use these on our social media channels and let others know of your prayer efforts in your community.
- 7. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED PRAYER.** Follow up with a simple prayer guide that people can use throughout the year as they pray for their schools. Some churches, or groups within the church, may want to adopt a school to pray for and serve all year.

First Day of School

(as of 06/04/2021)

08/02 Cherokee County
Cobb County
Paulding County

08/03 Marietta City

08/04 Gwinnett County

08/05 Atlanta City
Forsyth County

08/09 Fulton County

08/10 Polk County

Feel free to contact us at pray4schools@nooday.net for more information.



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