

CITYWIDE PRAYER AUGUST 2020 EDUCATION

“Your children, your builders, are running back to you as those who ruined and destroyed you are running away. Lift up your head and look all around you. See! All your children, your builders, gather to come back to you. As surely as I live, I make this promise, says Yahweh. “You will wear them like all jewels, as a radiant bride wears her beautiful jewelry” ” Isaiah 49:17,18 (TPT)

The start of the school year is upon us, and school districts across our metro area are struggling to balance compliance with local, state and national Covid mandates, while meeting the educational needs of their students, and the health and wellbeing of students, teachers and staff. Live learning; full time or rotating schedules; remote learning full time or part time - so many decisions for each school superintendent and school board to make. These decisions are complicated by the frequency of mandate changes, and by the availability of laptops and internet access for many students, as well as the availability of adult assistance in their home. The very real possibility of children losing a year of schooling impacts their destiny- and ours as a city. They are our builders and our jewels!

Pray—Pray for administrators, School Boards and the State Board of Education (Matt. 18:6) to have unusual wisdom and strategy from the Lord in this season. May even the weight of decisions press them to the Lord for His answers. Pray they may be restrained from rash decisions, even in curriculum, that could have long-term negative consequences for students.

Pray—Pray for teachers and instructors.(James 3:1,2) Pray for them to have the fear of the Lord, understanding that the Lord has put the students under their stewardship; courage, confidence and stamina as they tackle online learning. Bring many alongside to encourage, help and pray for them.

Pray—Pray for families as they continue to navigate what was supposed to be a “short term” process that is continuing on. Working from home, child care, the health and safety of their children- may the Body of Christ come alongside to help!

Pray—Pray for the students-for many, school is a haven of safety. May each be kept safe from harm, and may the Church SEE the children in their neighborhoods and move to meet their needs.

Finally, pray for health for all!