

AWAKE Prayer Guide

Pray through August with families, small groups, and congregations using four weekly rhythms.

Four weeks Each weekly focus is simple enough for family prayer, a small-group gathering, Sunday worship, or a church-wide email.	Homes and groups Families, small groups, youth ministries, staff teams, and Sunday prayer leaders can pray the same focus together.	Name one campus Choose one campus and pray for it by name throughout the month.
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Carry one shared prayer through August.

Use this month-long rhythm in homes, small groups, student gatherings, staff meetings, and Sunday services throughout August.

Pray each week for students, educators, campuses, and the church's faithful presence throughout the year.

WEEK 1

Begin with prayer for students

Begin August by praying for students to enter the year attentive to God, secure in who they are in Christ, and surrounded by wise, caring people.

Prompt

Lord, give students courage, peace, belonging, and a living faith that travels with them into classrooms, teams, and friendships.

Practice

Name students in your family, church, and neighborhood. Pray for them by name and invite others to do the same.

USE THIS CHECKLIST

- Pray for students who are anxious about the new year.
- Pray for students who will be new to a school.
- Pray for students who feel unseen or alone.

WEEK 2

Bless educators and families

Ask God to strengthen the adults who serve, guide, coach, transport, counsel, and care for students.

Prompt

Lord, give teachers wisdom, patience, protection, and joy. Help every staff member see the value of the students in their care.

Practice

Send notes of encouragement to teachers, administrators, coaches, counselors, support staff, and families during the week.

USE THIS CHECKLIST

- Pray for classrooms to be places of peace and order.
- Pray for staff members carrying heavy personal burdens.
- Pray for parents, guardians, grandparents, and caregivers to lead homes with grace and steadiness.

WEEK 3

Cover campuses and neighborhoods

Pray for every school campus to be marked by safety, peace, wisdom, belonging, and open doors for care.

Prompt

Lord, let this campus become a place where students are protected, known, challenged, and loved.

Practice

Drive by or walk near the campus from public space and pray without disrupting school activity.

USE THIS CHECKLIST

- Pray for entrances, classrooms, athletic spaces, offices, and gathering areas.
- Pray for wise leadership decisions.
- Pray for students who will step onto campus carrying grief, fear, or isolation.

WEEK 4

Continue with prayer and practical service

End the month by asking God for spiritual awakening, natural witness, and humble service that continues beyond August.

Prompt

Lord, awaken Your Church. Make us faithful neighbors to students, families, educators, and schools.

Practice

Ask God to show your church one practical way to keep praying, serving, or partnering with a school after August.

USE THIS CHECKLIST

- Pray for churches to collaborate across cities and counties.
- Pray for student leaders and campus ministries.
- Pray for friendships that make the Gospel visible.
- Invite one more person to pray for the campus your church claimed.

SHARED CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, shine Your light across every campus. Let students know they are loved, let educators be strengthened, and let churches serve with humility and faith.

Ten areas to pray with purpose

Use these prompts during a prayer walk, Sunday gathering, small group, or personal prayer. Begin with any specific requests shared by school leadership, then pray through the needs below.

Students to know Christ

Romans 10:14; John 3:16

Students to grow in wisdom and character

Proverbs 3:5–6; James 1:5

Teachers and school staff

Colossians 3:23–24; Isaiah 40:31

Principals and administrators

1 Timothy 2:1–2; James 1:5

Safety, peace, and protection

Psalm 121:7–8; Psalm 91:1–2

Families

Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:5–7

Students facing anxiety, loneliness, or need

Philippians 4:6–7; Matthew 11:28

Open doors for the Gospel

Colossians 4:3–6; Acts 4:29–31

Student Christian leaders and campus ministries

1 Timothy 4:12; Matthew 5:14–16

Unity among churches

John 17:20–23; Ephesians 4:3

USE THIS CHECKLIST

- Ask school leaders what needs prayer before gathering.
- Pray with humility from public space or with permission.
- Close by asking God to help the church pray, love, and serve faithfully all year.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, bless every school with Your presence. Give wisdom to leaders, protection to students and staff, strength to families, and courage to believers. Unite Your Church to faithfully pray, love, and serve so that every student has an opportunity to hear the hope of Christ. Amen.

Turn prayer into a campus commitment.

Choose the campus your church will pray for throughout August, then claim it as part of Florida's shared prayer effort.