



Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Fresh Start **SUNDAY:**



BACK TO SCHOOL
PRAYER GUIDE



1. Purpose: Why We Pray At The Start Of A School Year

We pray because God invites us, hears us, and helps us. Prayer is not complicated. It is talking to God about real-life: school, friendships, safety, learning, stress, hopes, and dreams.

- **God invites us to pray** — *"Call to Me and I will answer you."* (Jeremiah 33:3)
- **God cares about our needs** — *"Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you."* (1 Peter 5:7)
- **God gives wisdom for school life** — *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God."* (James 1:5)

2. Why We Pray Together As The Church And Community

We pray together because God blesses unity and shared strength. When the church prays together, children feel supported, parents feel strengthened, and educators feel valued. No one faces the school year alone

- **God moves when His people unite** — *"Where two or three gather in My name, I am there."* (Matthew 18:20)
- **We carry each other's burdens** — *"Bear one another's burdens."* (Galatians 6:2)
- **The church is a family for all ages** — *"We are one body in Christ."* (Romans 12:5)

3. The Church's Responsibility To Pray For Everyone Connected To Education

A. Children & Students (Preschool–College)

- **Growth & development** — *"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature."* (Luke 2:52)
- **Identity & confidence** — *"You are God's workmanship."* (Ephesians 2:10)
- **Protection** — *"The Lord is my refuge and fortress."* (Psalm 91:2)

B. Parents & Guardians

- **Strength & patience** — *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."* (Isaiah 40:31)
- **Guidance** — *"Train up a child in the way he should go."* (Proverbs 22:6)

C. Teachers, Professors & Administrators

- **Wisdom & clarity** — *"The Lord gives wisdom."* (Proverbs 2:6)
- **Endurance** — *"Do not grow weary in doing good."* (Galatians 6:9)

D. Support Staff (Bus Drivers, Security, Custodians, Food Service, Aides)

- **Protection & strength** — *"The Lord is your keeper."* (Psalm 121:5)
- **Joy in service** — *"Serve the Lord with gladness."* (Psalm 100:2)

E. The Church Itself

- **To be a covering** — *"Pray without ceasing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- **To be encouragers** — *"Encourage one another and build each other up."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

4. Praying For The Development Of Children And Students

We pray for whole-person growth: mind, body, spirit, character.

- **Mind (learning)** — “The Lord gives knowledge and understanding.” (**Proverbs 2:6**)
 - **Body (health)** — “I will restore health to you.” (**Jeremiah 30:17**)
 - **Spirit (faith)** — “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (**Colossians 3:16**)
 - **Character (choices)** — “Be an example... in speech, conduct, love, faith, purity.” (**1 Timothy 4:12**)
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5. Praying For Protection And Safety

God is our shield, our refuge, and our keeper. We pray for safe classrooms, safe buses, safe campuses, safe friendships, and safe decisions

- “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” (**Psalm 27:1**)
- “He will command His angels concerning you.” (**Psalm 91:11**)
- “The Lord will keep you from all harm.” (**Psalm 121:7**)

6. Praying For Godly Examples And Mentors

Children rise when they see adults who walk with God. Every adult, parent, grandparent, relative, teacher, bus driver, coach, church member can be a light that helps a child see God's love.

- "Follow me as I follow Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)
 - "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16)
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7. Praying for Identity: For Them To Know Who They Are

Children must know they are loved, valued, and created with purpose. We pray that every child, from preschool to college, knows they matter, they belong, and they have God-given purpose

- "You are fearfully and wonderfully made."
(Psalm 139:14)
- "You are God's workmanship." (Ephesians 2:10)
- "You are chosen." (1 Peter 2:9)

8. Specific Group Prayer

- Preschool & elementary students
- Middle & high school students
- College students
- Parents & grandparents
- Teachers & professors
- Administrators
- Support staff
- Bus drivers & security
- Church members
- Community guests

“Lord, bless their minds. Lord, protect their steps. Lord, strengthen their hearts. Lord, guide their year. Lord, let them know You are with them.”

9. Charge to the Church & Community

We commit to pray, support, encourage, and show up.

- “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.” (**Hebrews 10:24**)

10. Closing Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He give you wisdom, courage, protection, and peace. May this school year be filled with growth, joy, and God’s presence.”

ACTIVE FAITH



A Faith That Moves You Forward

— FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT. —

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

At Mt. Zion Baptist Church, we believe that faith is more than a confession—it is a way of life. God has not called us to be spectators of His Word, but active participants in His work. Genuine faith is demonstrated by how we live, serve, love, and obey Him every day.

GET READY!

NEW CURRICULUM BEGINS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

The Active Faith Curriculum will equip us to move beyond simply hearing biblical truth to faithfully applying it in every area of life.

CLASSES WILL INCLUDE:

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| » Faith & Fitness | » Faith & Focus |
| » Faith & Finance | » Faith & Friction |
| » Faith & Family | » Faith & Fun |
| » Faith & Frustration | » Faith & Flourishing |
| » Faith & Forgiveness | » Faith & Friendship |
| » Faith & Future | » Faith & Fear |

» Faith: Living Beyond Loss

DON'T JUST HEAR THE WORD—LIVE IT!



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Mission:

**Empowering People to Transform
Themselves and the Community.**

Vision:

A Vibrant Community Living By Faith.

2026 Theme:

**Rooted, Ready, Resilient
(Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

**We commit to pray, support, encourage, and show up
for
every child and every educator**

