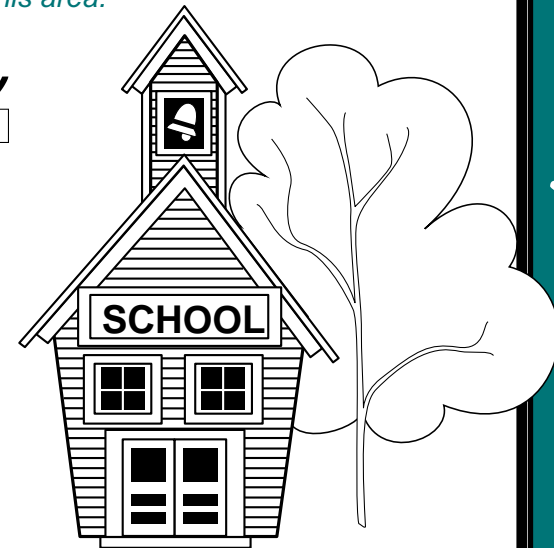


Prayer Group for SCHOOL

For further information
about Prayer Groups for Schools,
contact your nearest
SU Regional Coordinator:

Start the School Year with **prayer**
at your local Church on **"Schools Sunday"**
(A Sunday near the beginning of the school year
or during Education Week)

"Schools Sunday" is an exciting concept that can be the beginning of an extensive movement of care and prayer for our schools. If you decide to make only one prayer concerned with schools, that will be a start. If you decide to base your whole service plus an ongoing concern on this theme, that would be a real reaching out of the people of God. Schools are a local missionfield!! May God bless your thought and work in this area.



Schools Sunday



Bringing hope to a young generation

Schools Sunday

Today it is our privilege and our responsibility to pray for our schools. The years spent at school are significant in the lives of students, teachers, parents, and many others. We will focus on their needs and pray for God's blessing on this school year.

This day of prayer for schools is also a time for us to pray for Christians involved in outreach ministry in the schools. RE teachers, Chaplains, SU, Youth for Christ, YWAM, Fusion, Teen Challenge, Youth Alive, together with many individual churches all need prayer and support from the Christian Community for their work to be effective.

Prayer for Schools shouldn't just be limited to today. "Prayer Groups for Schools" meet regularly and pray all year round for their local schools. SU has more details.

We take time during our Church service today to PRAY for:

- ✓ Students in schools
- ✓ Christian Teachers (or other school staff) in our congregation
- ✓ RE teachers
- ✓ Chaplains
- ✓ Leaders of SUPA Clubs (primary) & SUIS Groups (secondary)
- ✓ Christian parents & their involvement in the school
- ✓ Education Queensland



Here's an idea.....

Interview: Christian Teacher; RE Teacher; School Chaplain; Student (hopes/fears); describe typical school day.

Drama/Play: Presenting typical school situation

Video: Dealing with current school issues

Pictures: Drawn by children depicting school life.

Testimonies: Students share how they've seen God working in their school. Chaplain or Christian teacher share about answered prayer at school

Guest Speaker: Christian Principal/Teacher; School Chaplain; someone involved in schools ministry (e.g. SU, YWAM etc.)

Photographs: Photos of children in the Sunday School/Youth Group available for people to take home as a commitment to pray for them.

Prayer: For all those attending school or involved in schools. Pray for needs that may have been shared in testimonies. At the start of the service, have children write out prayer requests either for themselves personally at school; or for their school generally. Use these later in the service during the time of prayer.

Other Activities:

- ✓ Shared lunch/tea
- ✓ Laying on of hands
- ✓ Symbols presented to children starting school
- ✓ Reminders - give out bookmarks (or similar) with prayer points about schools
- ✓ Write to your local school and tell the principal you are praying for the school, or invite him/her to attend your service.
- ✓ Ongoing prayer - ensure that your local schools are being prayed for regularly. Contact SU for details of existing Prayer Groups in your area, or how to start a Prayer Group for a School.
- ✓ Consider ministry at your local schools: RE, chaplaincy, SUPA Clubs & SUIS groups