

Pray for Schools – Easter Countdown 2021

Week 5: March 8th – 12th

Topic of the week: School Leaders

Father God, please may you provide wisdom, strength and grace to all our school leaders.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Top Tip

Make a list of key school leaders in your local school and pray for each over the week (school websites are very useful for this).

Don't forget that 'school leader' does not only mean the headteacher, but also the senior leadership team, year leaders, heads of department, support staff and administrative leads, PTA & wellbeing leads etc.

Day 1. *“petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving” (v.1)*

Pray with thanksgiving for all your local school leaders (see top tip above). Thank God that they are each made in His image. Thank God for the gifts and abilities He's given them. Where possible, identify specific positives and give thanks for these (e.g. determination, hard-working, kindness)

Day 2. *“all those in authority” (v.2)*

Praise God that each school leaders is in their role under God's sovereignty (whether they acknowledge this or not). Pray for daily wisdom in respecting and supporting their authority, and encouraging others to do so, in as far as this aligns with God's authority.

Day 3. *“that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (v.3)*

Pray for wisdom and insight for school leaders to make decisions that enable their schools to be thriving learning communities where all (staff, students, parents) may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Day 4. *“who wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth” (v.4)*

Pray for school leaders who know the Lord to grow closer in their walk with Him. Pray for them to be able to make time, in the midst of hectic schedules to be with the Lord, in prayer, Bible reading and fellowship. For those who don't know the Lord, pray that they may be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.

Day 5. *“I am telling the truth” (v.7)*

Pray for opportunity for all school leaders to encounter and consider the truths of the Scriptures and be caused to think through how this applies to their lives and their roles within the school.