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PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS

Pray as the Lord leads you for our schools and schoolchildren. Download our new, free Special Report for an in-depth understanding of the critical issues in education: [Returning a Generation Back to God: Praying for students, teachers, and parents in a God-hostile system.](#)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer 29:11)

The Challenge

Children and students today deal with more than just reading, writing, gym class, and pop quizzes. Many of today's public schools have evolved into incubators of progressive thought. Under the guise of being inclusive, loving, and open-minded, schools are introducing topics such as gender identity, Muslim prayer, graphic sexuality, and one-sided political views to children as young as 5 years of age. Students have a lot to navigate with school safety concerns, drugs, and activist ideologies.

The LGBTQ lobby is pervasive

In fact, the battle for the young mind has been going on since the introduction of sex education. It originated with biology-oriented abstinence teaching. Shockingly it now can contain instructions for self-pleasure that would make a married parent blush. Not only are the topics covered graphic, but the day-to-day integration of school rules catering to the LGBTQ community negatively affects other children. Bathrooms, class trips, extracurriculars are all being redesigned. Since sexual orientation was deemed a constitutionally-protected class in Obergefell, freedom of speech and religion are squashed for those who oppose the lifestyle. Many schools introduce programs, clubs, pride days and mainstream pro-gay messaging and exposure, often while limiting Christian clubs and activities. Schools, and advocacy groups are encouraging younger children to explore their sexuality and make their own gender choices, even advocating for children to receive hormone therapy drugs or abortions, even without parental knowledge and consent in some cases.

Islam is woven into many classes

One of the most pervasive areas of Islamic influence in our nation is education. Many schools today provide standardized educational requirements that include teaching an expanded unit on Islam. "Access Islam," a program developed by the Department of Education, began in 2005 and was greatly

expanded under the Obama Administration. This expanded teaching module on Islam amounts to "teaching a Sunday School class on Islam right in our public schools." The lesson plans are written for grades 5 through 12. They include worksheets and videos to help students perform the 5 Pillars of Islam -prayer, fasting, alms giving, pilgrimage to Mecca, and the proclamation of Muslim faith. (Note from CHPP: by reciting the "proclamation of faith," one is automatically considered to have converted to Islam!)

A Prayer of REPENTANCE

"Father God, we ask You to forgive us for not watching over our schools more carefully in past years, so that these concepts, which are in opposition to Your law and Your Word, have instead infiltrated our curriculum. We repent that we have not obeyed Your Word, because it is written, *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* (Proverbs 22:6) We are now reaping the consequences of our neglect.

Spare us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us and rescue our children. We ask this in Your name, amen.

A Prayer of FORGIVENESS

Lord, we ask You to forgive those who have advanced teachings of socialism, humanism, the gay agenda and Islam in our schools. Lord God, they know not what they do. They are like the blind leading the blind, not honoring YOU, O Lord, as the Holy One of Israel.

We ask for a move of divine grace and intervention into each of their hearts, for only You, O Holy One, are able to rescue their souls. We ask for their salvation in Jesus' name, amen.

Pray more strategically and effectively with our new education special report; [please go here](#). This list also honors those who are promoting Godly values in our schools. Please pray a blessing over each one!

A Prayer of THANKSGIVING

Lord God, as we pray for and release our enemies, we thank You, too, for the promise of Your Word, because it is written:

"These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who complained will learn doctrine." (Isaiah 29:24)

A Prayer of HEALING FOR OUR LAND

We claim this verse that the division between those who stand in TRUTH and those who walk in ERROR might be reconciled.

Ephesians 2:14-17 *"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father."*

Bonus!

One of our prayer partners, Bob McDaniel in Marion County, FL, has been inspired to develop a comprehensive listing of all schools in his county (public, Christian and independent), along with prayer points and a prayer to cover all students, teachers and staff who are working on these campuses.

Bob has graciously shared his work with us, to serve as a model for others, so that you, too, can "take action" right where you live for the safekeeping and the well being of the children in your county.

You can access his prayer guide [by going here](#). (Written by IFA and [Capitol Hill Prayer Partners](#))

INTERVARSITY PREPARES TO REACH 2,500 CAMPUSES BY YEAR 2030

Please pray for an increase in Bible-believing campus ministries and God's favor for them to reach thousands of students with the Gospel.

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Cor 10:12-13)

Video: [Real Hope on Campus](#)

Find campus ministries for any college in America – [Click Here](#).

InterVarsity announces today that the campus ministry will focus on establishing Christian fellowships on 2,500 college campuses in the next 12 years.

As more than 1,500 InterVarsity campus staff ministers, along with student and faculty leaders, return to campuses this fall, their focus is on the 2030 Calling, which states: Longing for revival, we catalyze movements that call every corner of every campus to follow Jesus.

"We want to see a witnessing community on all 2,500 US campuses with 1,000 students or more by the year 2030," says InterVarsity President Tom Lin. "Right now, 53 percent of those 2,500 campuses do not have any known Christian ministry. We have seen that college students are still looking for hope and significance for their lives. In fact, the last 10 years have been among the most fruitful in InterVarsity's 77-year history."

Of the 20 million students in college right now, nearly one-third have no religious affiliation or identify as atheist, agnostic, or of no religion. To reach more of these students, InterVarsity plans to accelerate the planting of new chapters throughout the country, partnering with other campus ministries as well as churches, volunteers, and InterVarsity alumni. In addition, InterVarsity is uniquely positioned to reach faculty members because of the nearly 2,000 faculty on campuses across the country involved with InterVarsity in the 2017–2018 academic year.

"The 2030 Calling represents a new shift in how InterVarsity approaches campus ministry," Lin says. "More than ever before, InterVarsity is inviting partners from every part of God's kingdom to participate

in his work among students and faculty. This is not about planting InterVarsity's flag on every campus; it's about declaring God's glory on every campus."

InterVarsity has chapters in all 50 states, on a total of 695 campuses. A recent highlight is the relocation of InterVarsity staff from Los Angeles to revive campus ministry along the Gulf Coast of Louisiana.

"We believe the Lord can use us, in partnership with others, to bring a powerful movement of the Spirit among a new generation of students and faculty," Lin says. "We truly are longing for revival on campus. And we believe that, in the next 12 years, that's exactly what God will do through the 2030 Calling."

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA is an interdenominational ministry to students and faculty on US college and university campuses, as well as the publisher of award-winning books on the Christian faith through InterVarsity Press. InterVarsity is a founding member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, advancing Christian student work in more than 160 countries. InterVarsity is also a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. (InterVarsity.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH CONTINUES TO BE SHAKEN BY COVER-UP ACCUSATIONS

Father, we have sensed Your Spirit doing a work of cleansing and shaking throughout Your whole church. We pray these words of rebuke from Archbishop Viganò will be heeded, bringing the accountability needed to reform the Catholic church. We also lift up individual Catholics, many of whom are experiencing a crisis of faith. We pray, Lord, even as their faith in Catholicism is shaken, they will find the foundation of their faith, Jesus, can never be shaken.

May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

Pope Francis declined Sunday to confirm or deny claims by the Vatican's retired ambassador to the United States that he knew in 2013 about sexual misconduct accusations against the former archbishop of Washington, Theodore McCarrick, but rehabilitated him anyway. As the pope wrapped up a two-day visit to Ireland over the weekend, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò published a letter accusing senior Vatican officials of knowing as early as 2000 that McCarrick regularly invited seminarians into his bed. Francis said Viganò's 11-page text "speaks for itself" and that he wouldn't comment on it.

Viganò in his letter called out Vatican leaders for attempts at "subverting Catholic doctrine on homosexuality." He butted heads with Francis during the pope's 2015 visit to the United States, when he arranged a meeting with Kim Davis, a Kentucky county clerk who stirred up controversy by standing up for Biblical marriage. After news of the meeting leaked to the media, Francis insisted he did not meet privately with Davis and said through a spokesman that the meeting should not be construed as support of her position "in all of its particular and complex aspects." (Excerpts from Lynde Langdon article in [WORLD](#))

RAND PAUL'S BID TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Pray that Planned Parenthood funding will be cut by our congressional leaders—our future children's lives depend upon this. Thank God for Rand Paul's courage to push Congress to stop funding Planned Parenthood. Pray for him and share your prayer for him [HERE](#).

Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers? (Job 31:15)

By a vote of 45 to 48, Rand Paul's amendment was rejected. It would have barred Planned Parenthood and other abortion outlets from receiving federal funding.

The Kentucky senator late last week signaled that he would offer an amendment to the appropriations bill funding the departments of Labor and Health and Human Services, the relevant legislative vehicle for the Planned Parenthood funding ban.

Paul said in a statement that his effort was being blocked by leadership, but they rejected that claim and he did get a vote Thursday.

President Trump has proposed cutting funds to Planned Parenthood. The agency gets federal funds for its women's health care but not abortion, though polls suggest that Republicans want the money train ended because it does abortion or refers to others that do.

A recent McLaughlin & Associates survey found that a plurality -- 48 percent -- support cutting funds.

In a statement announcing his amendment, Paul said, "One of the top priorities for a Republican Congress that professes pro-life values on the campaign trail should be to stop taxpayer funding for abortion providers." He added, "This is our chance to turn our words into action, stand up for the sanctity of life, and speak out for the most innocent among us that have no voice."

The language is similar to what the House passed in July. It would still allow funding for women's health providers not involved in abortion.

LifeSiteNews.com reported that Planned Parenthood received more than \$543 million in fiscal year 2016-2017. The site added, "It is forbidden from spending that money directly on most abortions, but pro-lifers warn that subsidies earmarked for non-abortion purposes ultimately enable abortion groups to commit more abortions by freeing up money from their other revenue services. Duke University healthcare analyst Chris Conover estimates that taxpayers end up covering almost 25 percent of all abortion costs." (Excerpts from Paul Bedard article in the [Washington Examiner](#))