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campus awareness day



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Sunday, September 20, 2020 is Campus Awareness Day in the Assemblies of God. By this day, virtually or in person, almost 24,000 middle and high schools will have opened and students will have gone back to school. September 20 is also the Sunday before the national See You at the Pole prayer event that takes place at thousands of campuses nationwide. On this special awareness Sunday, churches across the United States have an opportunity to pray for and are encouraged to connect with the campuses in their community.

This resource is designed to help a church place special emphasis on students and their mission field—their schools. We encourage each church in the Assemblies of God to invest five to ten minutes of their Sunday service to pray for students and their schools. Below are suggestions for possible elements to successfully connect with your students and their schools. **PRAYER IS THE MAIN THING.** You are encouraged to spend some quality time praying for students, teachers, coaches, staff, and administrators.

Thank you for taking the time to check out this resource and for prayerfully participating in this timely opportunity.



POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A SERVICE

(choose as many as you like)

- Use the downloadable social media posts on the days leading up to the service
- Show the downloadable Pray/Connect graphics during the service
- Show the downloadable Alli Westra Video (Alli is a student who made an incredible impact in her school)
- Share one of the student stories provided
- Pray (see listed Prayer Points)—enlist students, teachers, coaches, staff, or an administrator to lead or take turns leading in prayer
- Pray for Youth Alive missionaries and district youth directors who work with students and leaders
- Encourage adults to become Prayer Zone Partners (see link below for more information)

PRAYER POINTS

The pastor can lead in prayer, or invite (in advance) students, teachers, coaches, and/or administrators from within the congregation to pray.

- Pray for Students
 - Adapting to this new school year and different learning experiences that may exist—online, in-person, or hybrid
 - For those who feel isolated from friends and community because it is still difficult to gather together
- Pray for Families of Students
 - Unity within the family unit
 - Wisdom in making decisions and leading their family well
 - Adapting to the new school year and different learning experiences their students face
- Pray for Teachers and Staff
 - Leading and teaching in various learning environments—online, In-person, or hybrid
 - Adapting to the ever-changing duties they face

- Pray for Coaches
 - Continuous challenges of meeting with their teams
 - For teams and athletes to have a safe season
 - For the grief and disappointment of losing a sport season (if you are in part of the country that has had sport seasons canceled)
 - Pray for Administrators
 - Leading through rapid change
 - Wisdom in making decisions, leading effectively, and communicating with others
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STUDENT STORIES

- Lucas led 200 of his high school friends to the Lord within three years. Every day he would pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show him who to sit with at lunch. Lucas would ask these classmates if they could have a conversation about faith, and he would share the good news of Jesus with them when they agreed. Before leaving the table, he would ask if anyone would like to have a relationship with Jesus. He would pray with the students who said yes and then give them a Bible. What opportunities are waiting for you at your school? Be courageous and share your faith with your friends.

- As a campus missionary (a student who sees the campus as their mission field and makes the commitment to Pray, Live Tell, Serve, and Give), Emma started praying for her friends at school and looking for opportunities to share Jesus with them. A part of her testimony is that at one time she felt like life was not worth living. One night she planned to end her life but she prayed, "God, if you are real show me." God moved in her life that night, she recommitted her life to Jesus, and she began to share her story with her friends at school. Throughout her high school years, she led five of her friends to Jesus by sharing her story and encouraging them that life is worth living and there is hope in Jesus. Pray and ask God for opportunities to share Jesus with your friends.

- As a campus missionary (a student who sees the campus as their mission field and makes the commitment to Pray, Live Tell, Serve, and Give), James made it his personal mission to witness to the Drama Club in his high school. Several of his teammates claimed to be atheists or agnostics, and James felt like the Lord wanted him to begin having conversations with them about Jesus. He planned an evening where he would share his testimony and talk about God's love with some of his team. After he got through sharing both his story and God's story, one of his classmates accepted Jesus into his heart. Remember that God places you in strategic places in your school to be his light to the people around you. What is your personal mission?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- **Prayer Zone Partner**—A Prayer Zone partner is a person who prays for the school, community, and church as they pass through a school zone. For more information and additional resources for Prayer Zone Partners, [click HERE.](#)



- **See You at the Pole**—This global day of student prayer began in 1990 as a grassroots movement with ten students praying at their school. Thirty years later, millions of students pray around the flagpole at their school on the fourth Wednesday in September every year. For more information and additional resources for SYATP, [click HERE.](#)



- **Pray, Care, Share**—As schools reopen or move back online, students, staff, teachers, and administrators are trying to make the best of it. Youth Alive has put together a list of practical ways we can come around this community during these tough times. For more information on how your church can engage school campuses, [click HERE.](#)



- **Youth Alive** is a strategy to present the gospel to every student before they graduate high school. For more information about the many resources Youth Alive has to mobilize students and equip the local church, [click HERE.](#)

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