



California School Project 7 Day Prayer Guide

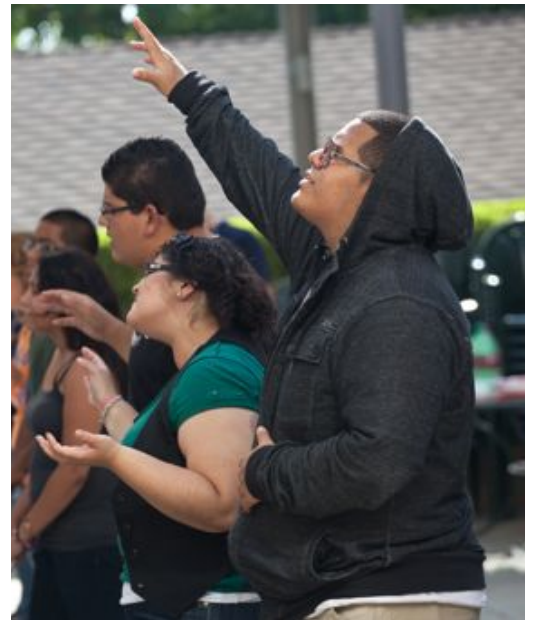
“LORD, we have heard of your fame and stand in awe of your deeds. Renew them in our day. In our time make them known.”

Habakkuk 3:2

You are invited to join in prayer for God to move in public high schools.

This guide is designed for daily prayer. Plan to spend 10-15 minutes of reading and prayer each day for 1 week.

We expect that as we pray, God will hear and answer our prayers to Reach lost high school students, Send believing students, Open doors on campuses, and Move in our own hearts to call us to deeper involvement in His Kingdom purposes.



Be specific in your prayers this week. To prepare for specific daily prayer, take a minute or two right now to jot down the following.

➤ **Your local public high school.**

This may be the nearest campus geographically, or it may be school your son attends.

➤ **3 Christian high school students you know.**

Your daughter, grandson, or cousin. The younger brother of a close friend. If you can't think of any high school students by name, contact your church's youth pastor and meet some.

➤ **3 high school students who don't know God.**

➤ **3 peers or family members who don't know Christ.**



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Day 1:
The Gospel

Bellflower High School, March 2011



Tyler is the President of Club Eternal at Bellflower HS, and she is not shy.

One Friday afternoon, a girl walked by Tyler as she was talking with some friends. By the time Tyler turned, the girl was 25 yards away – Tyler ran down the sidewalk after her to ask the question she’d been asking people all afternoon: “Where are you going when you die?”

The student replied, "I'm going to heaven because I haven't broken any of the 10 Commandments." "What are the 10 Commandments?" asked Tyler. When the girl couldn't answer, Tyler took the chance to explain the God's offer of grace and forgiveness, not by following rules, but given through Jesus' death on the cross.

This girl is not alone. Many people are very foggy about 'The Gospel'. We need to **remember that The Gospel is the hope of the world.**

The Kingdom of God is great.

God, the personal creator, designed us for meaningful labor, relationships of love and joy, and close personal relationship with God himself. Sin destroyed that experience for the whole world, but through the redemption begun in Jesus death, God is bringing it all back for those who believe. And he promises an unimaginably good kingdom in a new, recreated and restored physical world for all his people.

Without Christ, the Lost are really lost.

Sin destroys our relationship with God and with others. Without Christ, humanity is stuck in sin that kills and is isolated from the abundant life that the Holy Spirit gives. Not only are they lost apart from God right now, but the joyful future in the kingdom of God will be for them eternal suffering. But it's not hopeless: Lost people can enjoy all that God has for them by repenting of their sins and believing in Christ; this is God's message of forgiveness and hope.

John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

God sends the message of hope through people.

In the age of social media and mass communication, we need to remember that God still spreads his message primarily the same way Jesus did 2,000 years ago: through people; not angels; not creation itself. God shares His offer of forgiveness to the world through His people.

Luke 10:1-2 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”**

Consider:

- How big is God's plan for abundant life in Him?
- What is it like to live a life without knowing Christ?
- If God uses people, what does that mean for me? Do I pray to be sent as a 'worker' in God's harvest?

Pray:

- For 2-3 lost people you know; that the gospel will reach them, and they will receive it.
- For a few of the believers you know; that they will share God's message.
- For yourself; how will you share God's message of forgiveness and hope?



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Day 2: Students
Are Lost

The Gospel is the hope of high school students.

“Rose” is a student at Katella High School whose brother was involved in a gang. He bounced between the hospital and jail on gang-related injuries and offenses. Rose and her family lived in fear, never knowing what to expect next. She thought her brother would never change.

Then last year the impossible happened: Rose’ brother heard the gospel, accepted Christ and his life totally changed. Rose was stunned. In her mind this was an impossible miracle. Because of the change she saw in him Rose also accepted Christ and experienced joy like she had never experienced before!

Rose was changed; But many students who never experience the love of Christ remain trapped.

Consider the darkness and bondage of high school students in California.

“Be sober. Be vigilant. For your adversary the Devil walks around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

“The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” (II Cor. 4:4)

Out of the 1.9 million high school students in California¹...

93,100 male students will carry a gun in the next 30 days.

459,800 will binge drink in the next 30 days. **142,500** tried marijuana before turning 13.

874,000 students have had sex, and **112,100** of these did so when they were 12 years old or younger.

495,900 students felt so sad or hopeless for 2 or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities.

119,700 high school students have attempted suicide this year.

In addition to these statistics, the situation students face at schools is terrible.

- Many inner city schools have daycare for the children of high school students.
- A study of a school in Long Beach found 30% of the students were in foster care and another 10% were homeless.
- At many schools in the LA area, the drop-out rate soars up to 80%.

Each of these students is a name, not a number. Like Rose and her brother, each is a man or woman created in the image of God. What is more gripping than any number above is the fact that 100% of students who die without Christ will spend eternity in Hell.

¹These numbers are estimated based on a government nation-wide survey and applying the national average to California high school students. The full report can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5905a1.htm>

How Should We Respond to This Gripping Reality?

1. Remember that at one time you were stuck in sin...

"You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind" (Eph. 2:1-3). But God who is rich in mercy got hold of you.

2. Pray that God would fill you with a Christ-like response for those who are lost.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt. 9:36; Mk. 6:34).

3. Pray that God would give you faith that He can work in the most desperate situation.

"He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. **Then you will know that I am the LORD.**'" (Ez. 37:1-6)

Personalize It:

- ❖ Pray for Christian students you know to stand strong against the schemes of the devil. Pray that they would put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6) and be filled with the Spirit.
- ❖ Pray for 1 lost student you know who seems beyond the reach of God. Pray that God would grab hold of his/her life for Christ. If you don't know a student like this, ask the Christian students you prayed for who they know like this. Then pray for them together.
- ❖ Pray that God would give your church a burden for the lost, especially for the young. Pray that God would also fill your church with faith that He can bring life back into dry bones.

Concluding Prayer:

Lord, we pray that you would bring revival in our time. Would your Spirit breathe life back into a lost and dying generation. May young people who would otherwise burn their life out on drugs, alcohol or sexual promiscuity, be gripped by the surpassing greatness of Christ Jesus our Lord. May lives that would end in abortion be saved because their mother turned to Jesus. May students who would be killed because of gang-warfare be saved because Jesus grabbed hold of someone's heart. May students who would face life in prison for crimes they would commit instead turn to Christ & then turn the hearts of many to Christ as well.



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Day 3: Students Are Hungry to Hear the Gospel!

“And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.”

“All the residents of Asia heard the **word of the Lord**, both Jews and Greeks.”

“So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.” ~ Acts 13:49; 19:10; 19:20

“The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.” ~ I Thes. 1:8

Reality Check: Is the Word of God growing, especially among the next generation, or is it shrinking? How are we doing at getting the Gospel to the next generation? **Every study shows that Bible literacy is shrinking inside & outside the church in epic proportions.**

Lost students are spiritually hungry.

Besides all the social problems listed yesterday, up to 50% of high school students have never ever heard John 3:16, let alone have the good news of Christ explained to them. Multiple studies have indicated that 75-84% of people who receive Christ do so before the age of 18. They’re looking for meaning, truth, love, & are ready to believe when they find it.

Matthew 18:2-3 And [Jesus] said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”



Bakersfield High School, January 2011

It was a foggy morning when two girls heard the gospel from a student named Gray. They thought Jesus said that doing good things will get you to heaven. When Gray told them that’s not true, their faces looked bewildered. In their confusion, they asked then how they could get into heaven. He told them that Christ came so that they can be reunited with God again, and that salvation comes by grace, through faith alone, in Him as their Lord and Savior.

Gray says, “Right in front of me, I saw the grace of God working in a person’s heart, and it was wonderful. **‘I was never taught that. That is amazing.’** Right then and there they asked how they could receive Christ as their Savior.”

Yesterday we looked at alarming statistics. **What bothers you more:** that 874,000 students have had sex outside of wedlock, or that as many as 1 million have never heard John 3:16, the most basic statement of the Gospel in the Bible? **What is more concerning:** that so many are slaves to sin, or that they have never heard they can be forgiven?

Often we think unbelievers have heard & rejected the Gospel; it is hopeless. Our first thought when encountering lost people *should* be, **“He may never have heard the Gospel & been invited to trust Christ.”**

Consider:

- Why are high schools such a ripe mission field?
- What about children/young people makes them so open to the gospel?

Pray...

...For the high school closest to your home, that the Word of God would spread on that campus so that every student hears the Gospel before graduation

...That God would give students on this campus a hunger to hear God’s Word

...That God would use you & believers in your church you to spread the Word so that the Gospel will advance in your city

“The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”

~ Hab. 2:14



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Day 4: “We Are Christ’s Ambassadors”

Today we look at two bed-rock truths from Scripture:

1) God’s Expectation for All Believers:

Evangelism is a primary purpose of the church (Mt. 28:18-20). Believers are motivated by God Himself, who was the first evangelist and has been seeking and saving lost people since the Fall. We are also motivated by our desire that God be glorified in the lives of people whom He desires to go from worshipping idols to worshipping the one true God. We are further motivated as we share God’s love for the lost (II Pet. 3:9; Mt. 9:36, 14:4, 23:37). Finally, believers are to share the Gospel in obedience to Christ’s commands (Mt. 28:18-20; Jn. 4:35, 15:6).

The Bible teaches that God is most glorified and life is most abundant when we are obeying God in reaching out to others to share Christ with them (Ps 63:3; Mk. 8:34-35; Jn. 4:34).

2.) God’s Exhortation for Young People:

The Bible expects young people to play pivotal roles in advancing the Gospel. The Old Testament sets the stage for God using young people in dramatic ways. Think of the OT Hall of Fame. How many of them are young people? Joseph. Daniel. Jeremiah. Esther...the list goes on & on.

In the New Testament, Timothy plays an incredible role. Though young, he is commanded to preach the Word, to exhort, rebuke, & instruct. He is to appoint elders, to do the work of the evangelist, to fan into flame the gift given him, & to give teach people who can teach other people about the Lord.

When was the last time you heard young people exhorted to engage in God’s kingdom work with such responsibility entrusted to them and expected of them?

Reality Check: A professor at a prominent Christian university surveyed his students. Only 37% of these Christian University students said they had explained the Gospel with someone in the past 12 months & invited them to trust Christ. 23% said they had never done this in their entire life. Yesterday we looked at how many people have never heard the Gospel. **Should we be surprised so many people have not heard the Gospel when so few believers are sharing the Gospel?**

Good News: More & more young people are embracing God’s Kingdom call on their lives. This past year, hundreds of university & high school students were active in sharing the Gospel. For many, this was the first time in their lives that they invited someone to receive Christ.



Story: At La Habra High School this April, club president Brandon Morales led his members to share the Gospel everyday for one week. By the end of the week, 170 students had heard the Gospel & 4 students received Christ as the Lord and Savior.

Brandon relates his experience on one of these days. “I got here & all that I see on every single corner is people hearing the Gospel. I was overwhelmed by the Spirit of God. The love of Christ was overflowing here!”

Click to hear him share in his own words: http://youtu.be/CsGO8UN2v_4

Personalize It:

Continue to pray for the Christian high school students in your life.

- ❖ Pray that they would embrace God's call on their lives to be Christ's ambassadors.
- ❖ Pray that God would help them see the tremendous role they can play in advancing His Gospel. Pray that any doubts they have about God's ability to use them would be removed by understanding that God loves to empower young people to accomplish His will.
- ❖ Continue to pray for yourself & believers in your church, that God would give you increased faithfulness in being Christ's ambassador by telling people the Gospel and inviting them to receive Christ.



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Day 5: Open Doors
to Share Christ at
Public High Schools

“Lift up your eyes to the fields for they are already white unto harvest.”

~John 4:35

Yesterday, we prayed about God’s call on us and on high school students to be His ambassadors. Today we consider the tremendous opportunities that Christian students have to share Christ on their campus. **Pray** for Christian students with a burden to share the Gospel. Pray that they will understand the unbelievable opportunities they have to proclaim the Gospel to their entire campus.

Pray for the campus nearest you that the message of forgiveness in Christ would go forth through each of these incredible platforms & that the Spirit would work through them.

Opportunities to Share the Gospel:

Evangelistic Rallies:

Hosted in a gym, auditorium, or outside in front of the entire school, rallies give students a platform to publically the Gospel & invite the entire school to consider Christ.

Pray that every student on campus will be invited to hear about Christ. **Pray** that hundreds will hear the Gospel through an evangelistic rally. **Pray** that the Spirit moves mightily through these venues for the Gospel to be preached.



Christian Materials:

Students have the opportunity to distribute Bibles or Gospels of John to other students on campus.

Pray that students who receive God’s Word will be convicted of their need for Christ.



Personal Witnessing:

Students can personally share the Gospel with other students before school, during lunch, and after school.

Pray for Christians to share the Gospel. **Pray** for Christians to receive practical training to be equipped to share the Gospel. **Pray** for students who will hear the Gospel for the first time this year through a one-on-one conversation.

Apologetics Forums:

While students at public campuses can get hit with ideas like evolution, moral relativism, & religious pluralism that would undermine faith in Christ, Christian students can host forums on campus providing the case for the Christian worldview.

Pray that every argument and lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God would be destroyed. **Pray** that Christian students will help take every thought on campus captive to obey Christ.



Follow-up Events:

Students are coming to Christ in record numbers. Believers can host follow-up events on campus for new believers to grow in their faith & get connected to other believers. They can invite youth pastors to come in & speak for an entire series, helping connect new believers to local church leaders.

Pray that students coming to Christ will get appropriate follow-up through these venues. **Pray** for Christian students to organize these venues for new believers to grow & get connected.





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Day 6: Teachers and Administrators at Public High Schools

“Pray that God may open a door for our message” ~Colossians 4:3

Yesterday we looked at the incredible opportunities young people have to preach the Gospel on public campuses. Today we pray for two groups that could either stand in the way of the Gospel or be reached by the Gospel: **Teachers and Administrators.**

Too often, Christian students want to share the Gospel on campus but meet resistance from teachers and administrators. Surprisingly, many teachers & administrators are unaware of the tremendous rights students have to share the Gospel on campus. The widespread misapplication of the ‘separation of church and state’ can become a wall that Administrators and Teachers use to prevent students from sharing their faith at all.

The rights of students to share their faith are guaranteed in two US Federal laws.

The Equal Access Act

If any other club can meet, host events, invite guest speakers, and hang posters on campus, then Christian clubs can, too.

The 1st Amendment

Students at public schools are allowed to personally share their faith with other students on campus, and to distribute tracts, Bibles & other religious literature.



Sometimes, teachers and administrators can even be hostile towards Christ and consequently towards those who represent him. They may refuse to grant permission, relocate events, or even harass students sharing their faith.

Still others, Christian teachers or administrators, want to support the bible club but feel the legal constraints of their job, and may even fear being fired if they show support.

In either case – ignorance, hostility, or support – we pray not only that they will not impede the work of the Gospel, but also that they will be transformed by the Gospel.

Pray for administrators at the high school closest to you.

- ❖ Pray that they would not hinder the Word of God on their campus. Pray that they would allow students to exercise their constitutional rights to share the Gospel on campus without harassment.

Pray for teachers & administrators at this high school who do not know Christ.

- ❖ Pray that God would use the testimony of students and fellow teachers to convict them of their sin & need for Jesus to be their savior.

Pray for Christian teachers & administrators you know.

- ❖ Pray that God would strengthen them to be bold witnesses for Christ to their colleagues.
- ❖ Pray that God would give them encouragement and refreshment as they serve the Lord in this difficult mission field.



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Day 7: Renew Your Works in our Day!

Our God is great. When He shows up, radical things happen. Dead men walk out of tombs. Seas part. The lame walk. And – the biggest miracle of all – those dead in sin can be made alive in Christ. He is an awesome God. Scripture gives us instruction on what we should do when we don’t see God’s power moving like this around us: **Get on our knees and ask the Lord to work His wonders once again.**

Habakkuk models this faith-filled prayer beautifully. **“Lord, we have heard of your fame and stand in awe of your deeds. Renew them in our day. In our time make them known.”** It is grounded in the truth that God does not change no matter what things look like today.

Habakkuk is not alone in this faith-filled prayer. Abraham is said to have trusted “the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not” (Rm. 4:17). Consider other such prayers in Scripture:

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you.” Jer. 32:27,17

The Apostles took up this model of prayer when they faced hardship:

“Sovereign Lord, you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them... Now, Lord...enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.” Acts 4:24,29

God answered that prayer and gave them an extra measure of the Spirit which enabled them to more boldly proclaim the Gospel:

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

Our God is great! Pray in faith and pray boldly.

We need to pray for this kind of work in our day!

Pray for God’s power to accomplish these things. Look forward to the day when...

Every high school student in California has heard the life changing message of Christ and has been invited to give his or her life to Him.



The call to preach the Gospel is embraced by all believers, especially by young people.



God raises an army of young people like Joseph & Daniel, Esther & Ruth, who know they have been called for such a time as this.

Hope for the Next Generation:

God gave a promise to exiled Israel through Isaiah. Not only would God restore their land, but He would restore their hearts to their God.

Specifically, God promised that He would raise a future generation to boldly declare themselves sold-out God-followers.

Pray that God would do today in our country what He promised years ago to do for Israel.

**This is what the LORD says—
he who made you, who formed you in the
womb, and who will help you:**

**“I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your *offspring*,
and my blessing on your *descendants*.”**

**Some will say, ‘I belong to the LORD’;
Others will write on their hand, ‘The LORD’s.’**

~ Isaiah 42:2-5

CSP Strategic Goals:

Equipping to Reach as Many as Possible



**Join CSP in Praying *that by 2015,*
*God would open doors for:***

- ❖ 10 CSP Chapters Started at Universities across California.
- ❖ 500 University Students Mobilized and sent as Campus Mentors to Christian Club Leaders
- ❖ 500 High Schools Touched by Student-led revival movements on campus.
- ❖ 5,000 High School Students Trained in Evangelism
- ❖ 25,000+ People Praying for Revival in Our High Schools
- ❖ 1 million+ Students Given an Opportunity to Hear about Christ

Concluding Prayer:

Lord, we know that the revival we want to see requires a miracle. Would you do something in our day, in our youth, that can only be explained as the direct intervention of God? We know that people can produce evangelistic campaigns, but they cannot and never have produced a revival. We know You can do all things, and we call on You to revive the high schools in need of your salvation. Amen.



Closing Thoughts

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You just prayed for God to move in public high schools and specifically through your life.

This guide is designed to spur action. What is God leading you to do in light of the needs and opportunities you’ve prayed for this week?

Some Suggestions for taking action.

➤ **Let us know what you’re thinking.**

Did this prayer change your thinking or open your eyes? Let us know. Call your CSP connection or send us a note at info@Californiaschoolproject.com

➤ **Share this guide with someone else.**

If it changed your thinking, pass it on. Challenge a friend to pray with you for a week, then discuss what you learned afterwards. Pray through it again while your friend does

➤ **Reach out to a Christian Student.**

Find out: are they involved in a Christian Club? What’s it like being a Christian at their school? Do they have friends they pray receive Christ this year? Pray with him or her for those friends.

➤ **Get involved with CSP.**

Whether you’re in college or sending your kids to college, working full time or retired, there’s something for you to do, pray, give, or volunteer to advance the organization of CSP and the mission of student-led revival. Talk to your CSP connection or visit <http://www.californiaschoolproject.com/connect>

