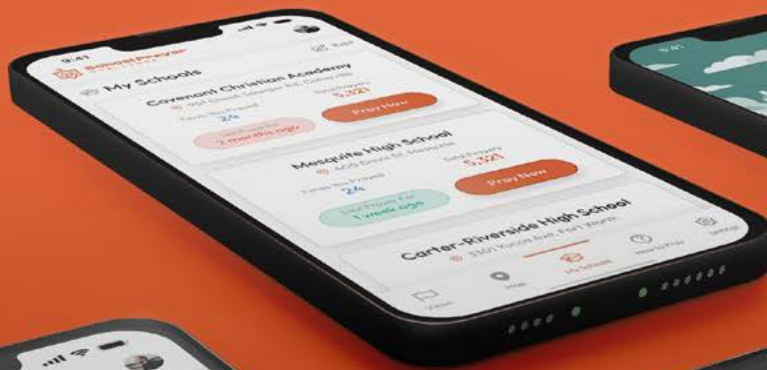




# School Prayer

CHALLENGE

# Are you ready for a challenge?



# We are being challenged to pray for the protection of our children and teachers.

On May 24, 2022, despite multiple security measures put in place by the school district, an 18-year-old gunman entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, and killed 19 children and two teachers. This was the deadliest school shooting in the United States in a decade. This tragedy has challenged many across our country to take action. The School Prayer Challenge has been created as a tool to unite us in common prayer specifically for the protection desperately needed for our schools.

## We believe prayer can activate God's protection over every school in America.

The inspiration for School Prayer Challenge came from events that occurred during a little-known school attack on May 16, 1986, in Cokeville, Wyoming. Two people, armed with a homemade bomb and weapons, held 136 children and 17 teachers and staff hostage in a 30-foot by 30-foot classroom. As the elementary students sat in circles they began to encourage each other to pray. The teachers joined them. As news of the situation spread, the



community and eventually the entire country began to pray. The bomb, which had been placed in the center of the crowded classroom, was inadvertently detonated, but only the two perpetrators were killed. Amazingly all the children, teachers, and staff survived the blast. Investigators discovered that the force of the blast only went upward. Many children interviewed described an angelic presence providing a wall of protection. The miracle of this event serves as a testimony to the power of prayer and why we have the challenge to unify in persistent and committed prayer asking God for a covering of safety and protection over each of the 132,000 educational institutions in America. The story has been brilliantly told in a 2015 drama film, "The Cokeville Miracle". [Watch the Trailer](#)



# The threats to our schools can come in many forms.



Although recent events may cause us to focus on one form of threat, we must remember that threats to our schools come in many forms. The School Prayer Challenge aims to create a prayer coalition that addresses a wide range of threats to school safety.



## Protection from Harmful Intent

Those with harmful intent will find a way to carry out their plans. The worst school massacre in American history occurred in 1927 in Bath, Michigan, where a former school board member set off explosives in the school basement, killing 38 children and 6 adults. The Columbine High School massacre involved both guns and a failed bomb. We are challenged to pray for the safety of our schools against any attack, in any form, by those with harmful intent.

## Protection from Calamity

Natural gas is odorless and an odor additive is required for safety. The worst school tragedy in our nation's history occurred in 1937 when an odorless natural gas leak beneath the school building in New London, Texas caused an explosion that killed over 300 students and teachers. This tragedy brought about legislation to mandate the odor additive in natural gas. We are challenged to pray for the protection of our schools against any type of

calamity, be it weather-related, building failure, or any other unknown cause.

## Protection from Injury

It is estimated that 152,000 school age children are injured each year during school hours. One statistic stated there are approximately 5 teen pedestrian deaths per week. Most caused by distracted driving or distracted walking. Whether it be in a school zone, bus transport, playground or sport activity, we are challenged to pray for the protection of our students and teachers against any form of injury.

## Protection from Within

Bullying and ridicule can be so harmful. Social media has made it even more difficult for the current generation. School violence is increasing. We are challenged to pray for the protection of our students and teachers against any form of violence from within asking that, by God's grace and mercy, a spirit of love, peace and kindness will fall on every student in every school.

## Protection from Falsehood

Eternity has been placed in every heart. The heavens and the earth have been given as a testimony to all men. Faith, no matter in whom or in what, is unavoidable. Falsehood, masquerading as truth, seeks to make pointless any personal inquiry or reverence toward our Creator. We are challenged to pray for the protection of our students from any type of falsehood intended to draw them away from God's love and truth and preventing them from experiencing a personal relationship with their Creator.

## The School Prayer Challenge app makes it possible for us to pray specifically for every school.

With an emphasis on simplicity and authenticity, this app is designed to issue and oversee a broad prayer challenge that covers every school in the country.

### Take the Challenge

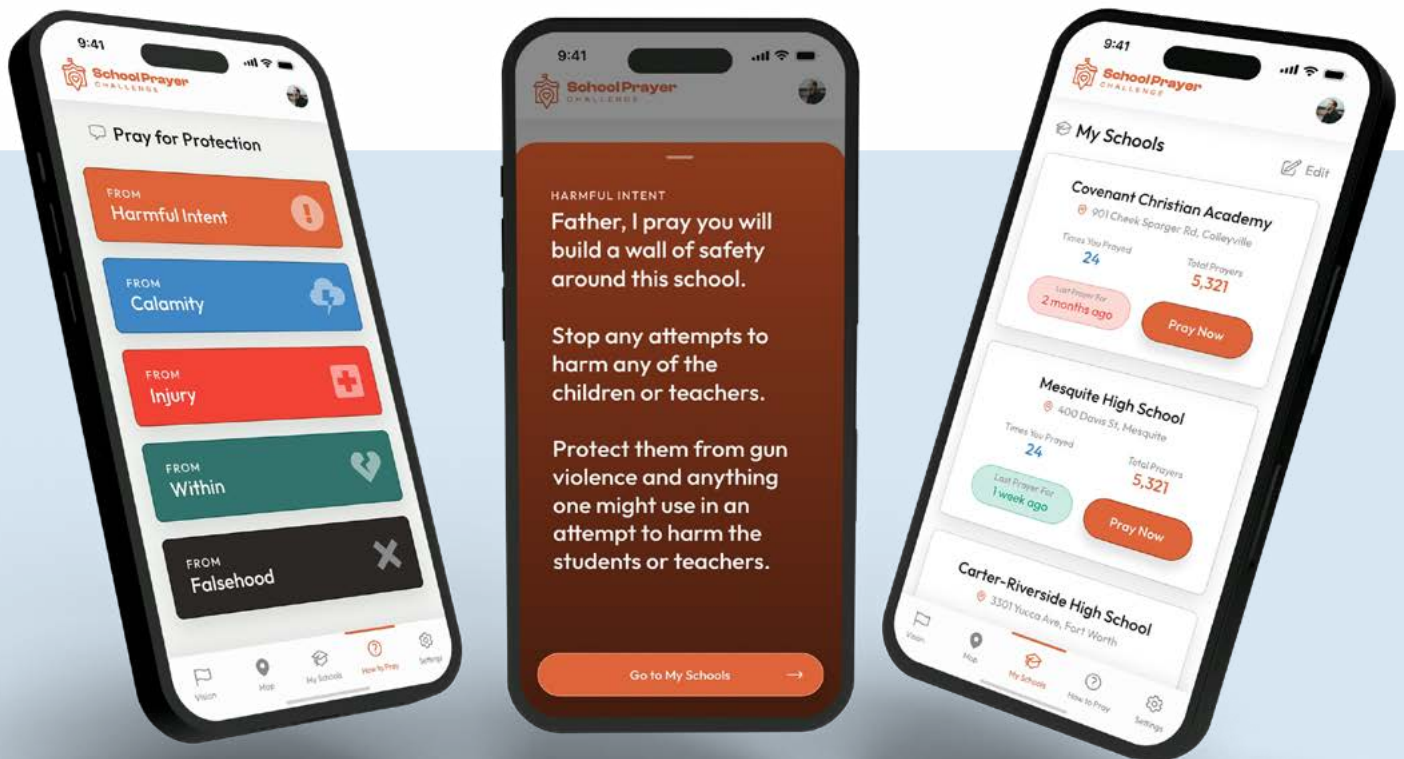
Download the app and follow the guide to select and add schools to your prayer list. Use the app to indicate each time you pray for one of the selected schools. This data will allow us to physically see that every school is covered in prayer.

### Share the App

Spread the Word and share the app with your friends, church, organization, or city. Challenge them to join the commitment to have a prayer covering over every school in their area. The success of the School Prayer Challenge is contingent upon each of us sharing the app as many times as possible with as many people as possible.

### See the Progress

Track the progress and see the impact of your prayer commitments on the map. The app visually displays each school in one of three colors, indicating the schools you are praying for, the schools for which others are praying, and the schools that no one has selected. Watch as your area, state, or even the entire country begins to change color as more and more schools are covered in prayer.



PRAY FOR PROTECTION

Five written prayers available



## How can you help?

The School Prayer Challenge app is available free of charge and without advertising. It is being created with gifts from generous donors who take the challenge of praying for the protection of our schools very seriously. However, additional donations are needed to cover the remaining cost of initial development, as well as future expenses for further development, routine maintenance, and support. If you believe this is a cause worthy of your financial assistance, please take some time to pray and determine the amount of your donation. Donations can be mailed or made through the donation portal. Please join us in financially supporting this challenge. School Prayer Challenge is a registered non-profit corporation, and all financial gifts are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your trust.

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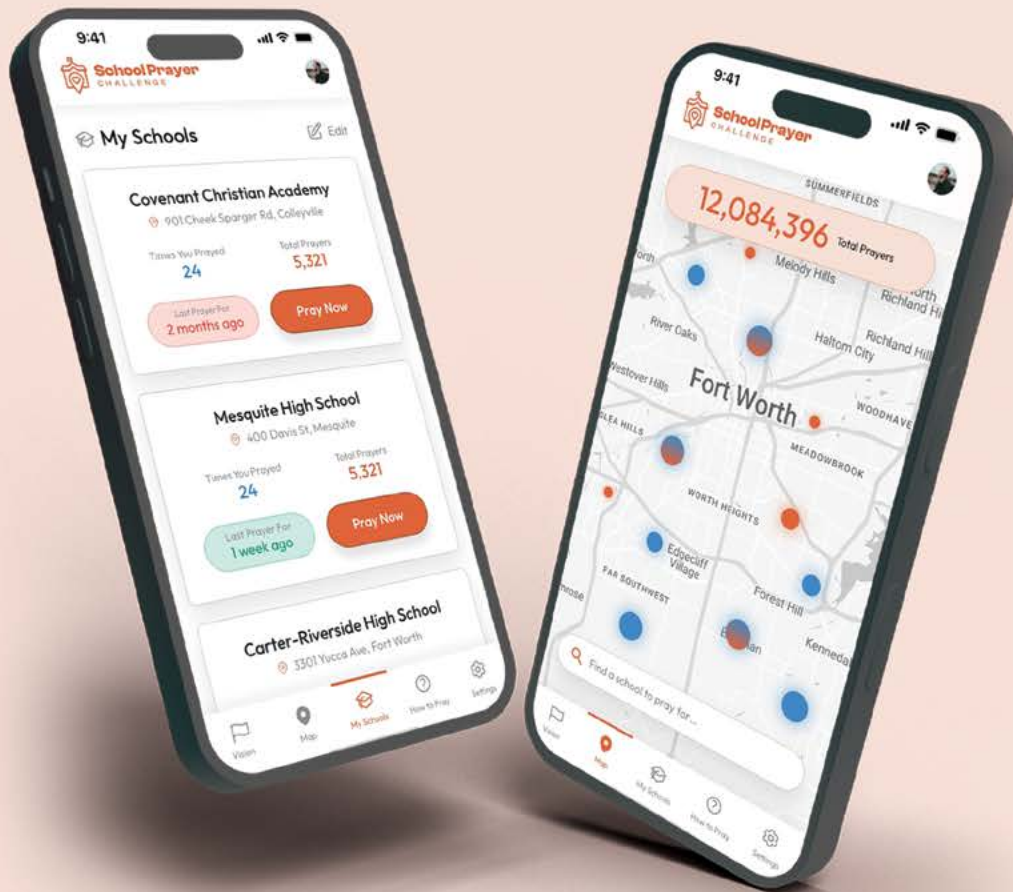
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