



A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR GLOUCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Sunday, August 30 through Monday, September 7

For the next nine days, please join me in daily prayer for our Gloucester County Public Schools. Each day will include a dedication, a portion of Psalm 119, and specific prayers for the school. This follows the rite of Noonday Prayer, found in the Book of Common Prayer – all collects come from the BCP as well.

This will be a particularly challenging academic year for teachers, students, and parents. While we cannot change the circumstances, we can surround them with prayers and let them know we appreciate their courageous efforts in this difficult time.

Accompanying each day's prayers are the names of the principals and assistant principals of each school, along with each school's mailing address. It is my hope that we each might send a note of encouragement for the administration, faculty, and staff: Let them know that you're from Ware, and that we're praying for them.

I will be posting the prayers in video format to Facebook each day, if you'd like to pray along with me. Together, let us engage in this ministry of love and prayer as a community, for our community.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 – ABINGDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:1-20

¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!

² Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

³ Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

⁴ You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

⁷ I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸ I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

- ⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
By keeping to your words.
- ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; *
let me not stray from your commandments.
- ¹¹ I treasure your promise in my heart, *
that I may not sin against you.
- ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; *
instruct me in your statutes.
- ¹³ With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.
- ¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.
- ¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.
- ¹⁶ My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.
- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.
- ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see *
the wonders of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a stranger here on earth; *
do not hide your commandments from me.
- ²⁰ My soul is consumed at all times *
with longing for your judgments.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Abingdon Elementary School Panthers. We pray for Anna (Principal), Susan (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Abingdon Elementary School
Anna Harwood, Principal | Susan Jacobs, Assistant Principal
7087 Powhatan Drive
Hayes, Virginia 23072

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020 – ACHILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:21-40

- ²¹ You have rebuked the insolent; *
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
- ²² Turn from me shame and rebuke, *
for I have kept your decrees.
- ²³ Even though rulers sit and plot against me, *
I will meditate on your statutes.
- ²⁴ For your decrees are my delight, *
and they are my counselors.
- ²⁵ My soul cleaves to the dust; *
give me life according to your word.
- ²⁶ I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; *
instruct me in your statutes.
- ²⁷ Make me understand the way of your commandments, *
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.
- ²⁸ My soul melts away for sorrow; *
strengthen me according to your word.

- ²⁹ Take from me the way of lying; *
let me find grace through your law.
- ³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness; *
I have set your judgments before me.
- ³¹ I hold fast to your decrees; *
O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
- ³² I will run the way of your commandments, *
for you have set my heart at liberty.
- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Achilles Elementary School Warriors. We pray for Katina (Principal), Mary Beth (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Achilles Elementary School
Katina Keener, Principal | Mary Beth Preas, Assistant Principal
9306 Guinea Road
Hayes, VA 23072

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 – BETHEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:41-61

⁴¹ Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, *
and your salvation, according to your promise.

⁴² Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, *
because I trust in your words.

⁴³ Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, *
for my hope is in your judgments.

⁴⁴ I shall continue to keep your law; *
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

⁴⁵ I will walk at liberty, *
because I study your commandments.

⁴⁶ I will tell of your decrees before kings *
and will not be ashamed.

⁴⁷ I delight in your commandments, *
which I have always loved.

⁴⁸ I will lift up my hands to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

- 49 Remember your word to your servant, *
because you have given me hope.
- 50 This is my comfort in my trouble, *
that your promise gives me life.
- 51 The proud have derided me cruelly, *
but I have not turned from your law.
- 52 When I remember your judgments of old, *
O LORD, I take great comfort.
- 53 I am filled with a burning rage, *
because of the wicked who forsake your law.
- 54 Your statutes have been like songs to me *
wherever I have lived as a stranger.
- 55 I remember your Name in the night, O LORD, *
and dwell upon your law.
- 56 This is how it has been with me, *
because I have kept your commandments.
- 57 You only are my portion, O LORD; *
I have promised to keep your words.
- 58 I entreat you with all my heart, *
be merciful to me according to your promise.
- 59 I have considered my ways *
and turned my feet toward your decrees.
- 60 I hasten and do not tarry *
to keep your commandments.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Bethel Elementary School Bears. We pray for Eileen (Principal), Shannon (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Bethel Elementary School
Eileen Kersmarki, Principal | Shannon Auché, Assistant Principal
2991 Hickory Fork Road
Gloucester, VA 23061

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 – BOTETOURT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:61-80

⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, *
I do not forget your law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, *
because of your righteous judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you *
and of those who keep your commandments.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; *
instruct me in your statutes.

⁶⁵ O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, *
according to your word.

⁶⁶ Teach me discernment and knowledge, *
for I have believed in your commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, *
but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸ You are good and you bring forth good; *
instruct me in your statutes.

- ⁶⁹ The proud have smeared me with lies, *
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
- ⁷⁰ Their heart is gross and fat, *
but my delight is in your law.
- ⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted, *
that I might learn your statutes.
- ⁷² The law of your mouth is dearer to me *
than thousands in gold and silver.
- ⁷³ Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.
- ⁷⁴ Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I trust in your word.
- ⁷⁵ I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right *
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- ⁷⁶ Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, *
as you have promised to your servant.
- ⁷⁷ Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, *
for your law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸ Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; *
but I will meditate on your commandments.
- ⁷⁹ Let those who fear you turn to me, *
and also those who know your decrees.
- ⁸⁰ Let my heart be sound in your statutes, *
that I may not be put to shame.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Botetourt Elementary School Bulldogs. We pray for Tish (Principal), Melisa (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Botetourt Elementary School
Tish Hudgins, Principal | Melisa Mygas, Assistant Principal
6361 Main Street
Gloucester, VA 23061

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – PETSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:81-100

⁸¹ My soul has longed for your salvation; *
I have put my hope in your word.

⁸² My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, *
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

⁸³ I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, *
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

⁸⁴ How much longer must I wait? *
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?

⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me; *
they do not keep your law.

⁸⁶ All your commandments are true; *
help me, for they persecute me with lies.

⁸⁷ They had almost made an end of me on earth, *
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

⁸⁸ In your loving-kindness, revive me, *
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

- ⁸⁹ O LORD, your word is everlasting; *
it stands firm in the heavens.
- ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; *
you established the earth, and it abides.
- ⁹¹ By your decree these continue to this day, *
for all things are your servants.
- ⁹² If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.
- ⁹³ I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.
- ⁹⁴ I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.
- ⁹⁵ Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, *
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
- ⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.
- ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- ⁹⁸ Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- ¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Petsworth Elementary School Patriots. We pray for Gwendolyn (Principal), Tiffany (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Petsworth Elementary School
Gwendolyn Wallace, Principal | Tiffany Bush, Assistant Principal
10658 George Washington Memorial Hwy
Gloucester, VA 23061

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:101-120

¹⁰¹ I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

¹⁰² I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴ Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.
- 113 I hate those who have a divided heart, *
but your law do I love.
- 114 You are my refuge and shield; *
my hope is in your word.
- 115 Away from me, you wicked! *
I will keep the commandments of my God.
- 116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, *
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.
- 117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, *
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.
- 118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; *
their deceitfulness is in vain.
- 119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; *
therefore I love your decrees.
- 120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; *
I am afraid of your judgments.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Page Middle School Eagles. We pray for Patricia (Principal), Cathy (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Page Middle School Eagles
Dr. Patricia McMahon, Principal | Cathy Balderson, Assistant Principal
5198 T. C. Walker Road
Gloucester, VA 23061

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 – PEASLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:121-140

¹²¹ I have done what is just and right; *
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

¹²² Be surety for your servant's good; *
let not the proud oppress me.

¹²³ My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation *
and for your righteous promise.

¹²⁴ Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness *
and teach me your statutes.

¹²⁵ I am your servant; grant me understanding, *
that I may know your decrees.

¹²⁶ It is time for you to act, O LORD, *
for they have broken your law.

¹²⁷ Truly, I love your commandments *
more than gold and precious stones.

¹²⁸ I hold all your commandments to be right for me; *
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.
- 137 You are righteous, O LORD, *
and upright are your judgments.
- 138 You have issued your decrees *
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My indignation has consumed me, *
because my enemies forget your words.
- 140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, *
and your servant holds it dear.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Peasley Middle School Pride. We pray for Katie (Principal), Rita (Assistant Principal), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Peasley Middle School
Katie Litton, Principal | Rita Garcia - Assistant Principal
2885 Hickory Fork Road
Gloucester, VA 23061

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 – GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:141-160

¹⁴¹ I am small and of little account, *
yet I do not forget your commandments.

¹⁴² Your justice is an everlasting justice *
and your law is the truth.

¹⁴³ Trouble and distress have come upon me, *
yet your commandments are my delight.

¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; *
grant me understanding, that I may live.

¹⁴⁵ I call with my whole heart; *
answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

¹⁴⁶ I call to you; oh, that you would save me! *
I will keep your decrees.

¹⁴⁷ Early in the morning I cry out to you, *
for in your word is my trust.

¹⁴⁸ My eyes are open in the night watches, *
that I may meditate upon your promise.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; *
according to your judgments, give me life.

¹⁵⁰ They draw near who in malice persecute me; *
they are very far from your law.

¹⁵¹ You, O LORD, are near at hand, *
and all your commandments are true.

¹⁵² Long have I known from your decrees *
that you have established them for ever.

¹⁵³ Behold my affliction and deliver me, *
for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and redeem me; *
according to your promise, give me life.

¹⁵⁵ Deliverance is far from the wicked, *
for they do not study your statutes.

¹⁵⁶ Great is your compassion, O LORD; *
preserve my life, according to your judgments.

¹⁵⁷ There are many who persecute and oppress me, *
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

¹⁵⁸ I look with loathing at the faithless, *
for they have not kept your word.

¹⁵⁹ See how I love your commandments! *
O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

¹⁶⁰ The heart of your word is truth; *
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Gloucester High School Dukes. We pray for Craig (Principal), Stefan, Jodie, Sharon, Carol (Assistant Principals), the teachers, staff, students, and their families. We ask for guidance and wisdom as the administration is faced with difficult decisions this school year. We pray for creativity, resolve, and joy as the teachers respond to any pivoting warranted by changing circumstances. We beg for healthy, safe, and equipped homes, where children are able to continue learning, even in these less-than-ideal circumstances. And, we name our concern for parents who must adjust to meet these unexpected challenges – surround them with your patience and love.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Gloucester County Schools, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Gloucester High School

Dr. Craig B. Reed, Principle
Stefan Mygas, Jodie Simpson, Sharon Hendrix, Carol Belvin
Assistant Principals

6680 Short Lane
Gloucester, VA 23061

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020 – GLOUCESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste of help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Psalm 119:161-176

¹⁶¹ Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, *
but my heart stands in awe of your word.

¹⁶² I am as glad because of your promise *
as one who finds great spoils.

¹⁶³ As for lies, I hate and abhor them, *
but your law is my love.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day do I praise you, *
because of your righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have they who love your law; *
for them there is no stumbling block.

¹⁶⁶ I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, *
and have fulfilled your commandments.

¹⁶⁷ I have kept your decrees *
and I have loved them deeply.

¹⁶⁸ I have kept your commandments and decrees, *
for all my ways are before you.

- ¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, O LORD; *
give me understanding, according to your word.
- ¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before you; *
deliver me, according to your promise.
- ¹⁷¹ My lips shall pour forth your praise, *
when you teach me your statutes.
- ¹⁷² My tongue shall sing of your promise, *
for all your commandments are righteous.
- ¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me, *
for I have chosen your commandments.
- ¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, O LORD, *
and your law is my delight.
- ¹⁷⁵ Let me live, and I will praise you, *
and let your judgments help me.
- ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; *
search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Let us pray:

God of Wisdom: We offer our prayers on behalf of the Gloucester County School Board. We pray for Robin, Elisa, Anita, Brenda, Troy, Rand, Darren, Walter, Chuck, and Carol. We pray for wisdom, confidence, and support in this trying and unprecedented season. Give them grace of conviction when choosing an unpopular, but best opinion. Continue to hallow their work in guiding the educational formation of Gloucester youth.

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office on the Gloucester School Board. Grant them the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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