Prayer Packet for ORUef Schools





Day of Prayer 2025 Built On The Rock

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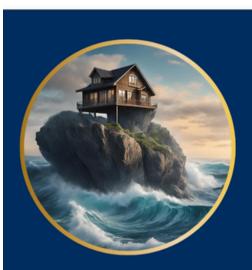
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Built on the Rock Day of Prayer March 4th, 2025



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Matthew 7:24-25

Dear School Leaders,

We are excited to invite you to participate in an ORUef initiative in our Day of Prayer on Tuesday, March 4. Schools from ORUef (and our brothers and sisters at ACSI schools) will be joining together to make a concerted effort to pray for our students, families, schools, churches, and nations. We would love for you to participate.

Psalm 133:1-3 says, "How good and pleasant it is for God's people live together in unity. It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

I am believing that as we gather together, we will invoke a blessing on our schools.

This year's theme at our conferences and throughout the year has been based on the parable that Jesus told about the wise man building his house upon the rock and the foolish man building his house on the sand. When we build our lives on the solid foundation of truth that comes through the teachings of the Word of God, we position ourselves to withstand the storms that life brings. This is true for our own lives, our families, our schools, and our nation.

We have created a Prayer Packet for ORUef Schools that can provide some materials and ideas to help you and your team join in this day of prayer. You will find activities, a sample chapel plan, promotional resources, bookmarks, and communication tools. Feel free to use them or to organize your own day's activities.



There is power in prayer and power in joining our faith together. If you would like for your school to participate, please let us know at <u>Day of Prayer – ORUef</u>. We are excited to see the miracles and work that the Lord will do during this time.

Christ's Richest Blessings, Chris Belyeu

Day of Prayer Theme: Built on the Rock

As we begin the new annual ORUef Day of Prayer (DOP for short), we want this event to be built on the firm foundation of Jesus. For this reason, the theme for the Day of Prayer 2025 is *Built on the Rock*!

This year's theme comes from the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27, where He compares those who hear His teachings and put them into practice to a wise builder who constructs his house upon a solid rock foundation. Jesus is reminding us of the importance of building our lives on the firm and unshakable foundation of God's Word. This world is filled with storms and the only way to make it through is by standing firm on Jesus.

Matthew 7:24-25

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

He never promises that storms won't come. It is quite the opposite. However, He is inviting us into a place of dependence where we choose to trust Him even as the storms come. He promises to be with us and equip us to stand strong in the middle of it.

We invite you to join us and Christian schools all around the world for a special day of prayer on March 4th. We are taking this time of prayer as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to being built on the rock of Jesus!

Overview

Join

Let us know you are joining by filling out a simple form at oruef.org/dop.

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Organize

Create a school wide plan as simply or elaborately as you would like.

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Promote

Post DOP graphics on social media, hang posters, and email parents in preparation. 4

Pray and Share

On March 4th pray with schools all over the world! Lean in to what the Lord is doing!

Steps for a Day of Prayer



Step 1: Join

- Fill out the form at oref.org/dop.
- Ask the Holy Spirit what your school should do.
- Establish a DOP Coordinator.
- Explore the optional DOP resources.

Step 2: Organize

- Plan the day. Feel free to use the optional ORUef Day of Prayer resources as a guide.
 - -Create Elementary, Secondary, and Chapel Plan.
 - -Plan and choose which prayer walk to implement.
- Inform teachers about the event and send them this DOP packet (It contains optional engagement ideas, coloring pages, bookmarks, word search, etc.). See sample email, page 21-22.

Step 3: Promote

- Send out parent email see sample, page 20.
- Post DOP graphic on social media, see page 25.
- Print and hang up DOP posters around the school, see page 24.
- Mention the approaching day on morning announcements, at teachers meetings, at chapel, etc.

Step 4: Pray and Share

- Join schools all around the world for the Day of Prayer!
- Share what the Lord is doing in your school! Post pictures from your Day of Prayer on social media and tag us @icaaoruef or use #ORUefDOP on Instagram and Facebook.

Lower School Classroom Engagement Ideas

Info:

These ideas are primarily targeted towards preschool through fifth grade but can be used wherever you see fit! They are great on their own or tied into daily lessons. Feel free to adapt and add to them in any way. Have fun with these activities!

Rock VS. Sand Foundation Object Lesson

Grab two flat containers and fill one with sand and the other with rocks or bricks. Build a small house out of blocks on top of each foundation. Pour a pitcher of water over each and watch how the house on the rock foundation stands! Demonstration: Video HERE

How to Build Your House on the Rock Art Project

Create three houses on solid rock foundations through drawing, painting, molding, etc. As you build the first house write on the walls and roof ways a nation can build its foundation on Jesus (e.g., promoting just laws, Godly leaders, teaching Christian principles). On the second house, add ways a family can build its foundation on the rock. Finally, on the third house write ways you can build your life on the rock. For the foundation of each house, write attributes of God and His character to show why He is a firm foundation. This can be as elaborate or simple as you want, using paint, markers, or just writing ideas on a board as students share!

Example CLICK HERE

Lower School Classroom Engagement Ideas Continued

House Building Relay Race

Start by splitting students into groups and setting up a foundation and stack of blocks for each team. When you say go one student from each team will grab a block, place in on their foundation, then run back and tag the next person from their team. The group to build the tallest tower before the timer goes off wins! The amount of time the game lasts is up to you. We suggest about 2 minutes to ensure each student gets a turn. The type of foundation is also up to you! You could just do rock or you could do one round of sand and one of rock to show the difference!

Prayer Point Block House

Start by taping prayer points to building blocks. There can be as many or as few as you would like. (Feel free to use the ones also in the Prayer Walk plus more!) As the students place each block they can pray whatever point is on that block. This can be done in groups or classwide as well as out loud, or silently!

More Resources!

At the end of this guide, there are coloring pages and a word search available! Be creative, add your own, and make sure to tag @icaaoruef or use #ORUefDOP on Instagram and Facebook with all the fun you had on Day of Prayer 2025!

Upper School Classroom Engagement Ideas

Info:

These ideas are primarily targeted towards sixth grade through twelfth, but they can be used wherever you see fit! They are great on their own or tied into daily lessons. Feel free to adapt and add to them in any way. Have fun with these activities!

Blueprint: Designing My Life

Hand out large sheets of paper, markers, pencils, etc. Students will draw blueprints of a house labeling each part with their dreams, priorities, and things that are important to them. Encourage them to reflect on the different kinds of foundations they could build their lives on and what they think would be the best. (e.g. wealth, popularity, the world, or Jesus and His Word)

How to Build Culture on the Rock Art Project

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Upper School Classroom Engagement Ideas Continued

Parable Reenactment

Split the class into two groups. Assign one to play the wise builders who build their houses on the rock and one group to be the foolish people who build on the sand. They can have total creative license to portray what that may look like in today's time. For example, wise builders could act like they are doing a Bible study, going to youth camp, and spending time in worship. The foolish builders could act out being selfish, going to parties, etc. Props and costumes may be a fun addition but if they are not available, that is fine too!

Quiet Worship, Prayer, and Journaling Time

After a time of worship, give students 10-15 minutes of reflecting time with the prompt, "What am I building my life on now and do I think that will sustain me in stormy seasons?" Encourage them to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to reveal things they may need to start doing to improve their foundation! A great way to set the tone for this quiet time is to play worship music such as "Build My Life" by Pat Barrett or "Firm Foundation" by Cody Carnes.

Firm Foundation: YouTube Video CLICK HERE

Build My Life: YouTube Video CLICK HERE

More Resources!

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Example Chapel Plan

Welcome and Icebreaker

- Greet students and remind them of the Day of Prayer.
 - -Read the theme verse and note the prize at the end of the day for everyone who memorizes it.
- Pray and invite the Holy Spirit into chapel.
- Icebreaker: If you could build a house anywhere, where would it be?

Worship

- -"Build My Life" Pat Barrett
- -"Firm Foundation" Cody Carnes
- -"Cornerstone" Hillsong Worship
- -"Our Father" Bethel Music

Teaching

- **Read** Matthew 7:24-27
- Illustration: Rock VS Sand Foundation
 - -Grab two flat containers and fill one with sand and the other with rocks or bricks. Build a small house out of blocks on top of each foundation. Pour a pitcher of water over each and watch how the house on the rock foundation stands! Demonstration Video:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU1yn2Bw7MA
- **Teach** and explain what a life built on the rock looks like. Give practical examples of how to build our lives on Jesus daily.
- **Application:** Present real-life scenarios (e.g. lying to a friend, praying for help, helping someone in need) and let children decide if they are "rock" (wise) or "sand" (foolish) decisions.



Prayer Walk: (Great to play worship as students pray)

- Introduce and explain what happens in a prayer walk.
- Instructions and Partners: explain where the walk starts and what each station entails. Then, have students partner up either with previously assigned partners or whoever they choose.
- Send them off!

This is just a guide to kick start planning. Feel free to adjust it in any way to better fit your school's needs!

Prayer Walk

Since this is the Day of Prayer, and prayer is essential for building a firm foundation on the rock, we have chosen to highlight a prayer walk. This experience invites students to journey through various prayer stations, pausing at each to listen to the Holy Spirit, reflect deeply, and pray intentionally over specific prayer points. It fosters unity as everyone engages in shared prayer points, while also strengthening individual prayer lives. It is a time to intentionally focus on and engage with what the Holy Spirit is speaking!

We have designed two different options for the prayer walk. The first option features more general prayer points, with each station highlighting a specific topic followed by accompying Scriptures to inspire and direct prayers. *Tip-have students bring their Bibles so they can find the passage and pray straight out of their own Bible! The second option is individually focused and centered around the *Built on the Rock* theme. It guides students through a reflective and prayerful journey, emphasizing the importance of establishing Jesus as their firm foundation.

These prayer walks can be adapted in various ways to suit your needs, whether done in groups or individually, all school or in each classroom. The approach you choose is entirely up to you. Some options include students bringing prayer journals, writing their prayers on sticky notes and leaving them at each station, or praying out loud with one another. A particularly engaging method for involving the whole school is pairing an older student with a younger buddy. Together, they can journey through the prayer stations, praying over each point as a team!

The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully around the world and within each school, so don't feel limited to these two options! If the Holy Spirit has inspired an idea or your school has been sensing His direction on specific prayer points, feel free to incorporate them into the prayer walk. There is a blank set of prayer cards below that can be filled in! Let His guidance shape every aspect of this day, as our ultimate goal is to align with His will and desires. We trust that He will lead us perfectly!



Station 1: Praise and Thanksgiving

- -Take a couple of minutes to praise and thank Him for who He is and what He has done in your life!
- -Invite the Holy Spirit into the prayer walk!

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(You can pray this and make it personal!)





Station 2: Your Nation

- -Ask God to protect and guide your leaders.
- -Pray for the foundations of unity, peace, justice, and love to be present in every person.
- -Pray over things that are going on in your nation currently!

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (You can pray this specifically over your nation!)





Station 3: Revival

- -Pray for a spirit of repentance and humility to come to your generation!
- -Believe and intercede for a new wave of His power to fall on the nations.
- -Pray that those who do not know Jesus yet would have a radical encounter with Him.

Psalm 22:27

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

(You can specifically pray this!)





Station 4: Christian Schools Around the World

- -Pray that God would open the doors for Christian education to be available in every nation.
- -Pray for protection, provision, and strength for teachers and students. (in your school and schools everywhere!)
- -If there is anything specific happening in your school pray about it too!

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

(As you pray, have faith because He has promised us to answer us!)





Station 5: Your Church

- -Pray for your pastors to be filled with strength and knowledge to lead.
- -Pray for God to show up in new and mighty ways to your church.
- -Ask God to bring in new people so they can experience the power of Jesus and to use you to reach them!

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me! (Pray that this would be your heart posture to serve others in the church.)





Station 6: Your Family

- -Pray for protection, peace, and unity to be the foundation of your family.
- -Pray over specific issues or things your family has been facing.
- -If you have family who doesn't know Jesus yet specifically ask the Lord to meet them!

Joshua 24:15

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

(Pray that Jesus would show up to them just as He did to you!)





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Station 2: Kinds of Foundations

Journal/Discussion Points

- -What kinds of foundations have you seen Bible characters or others build their lives on? Did they choose to trust God like Noah and continue to build even when things got hard or did they build on sinking sand?
- -After reflecting on others, what kind of foundation do you want to have?





Station 3: Your Foundation in the Past

Journal/Discussion Points

- -Think of a time in your life where your foundation was tested. Maybe storms came like losing a family member or moving away. Did you feel secure because you had Him as your foundation? Or did you feel lost and confused? (Be honest with the Lord and let Him remind you of things!)
- -What do you wish your foundation would have been like?





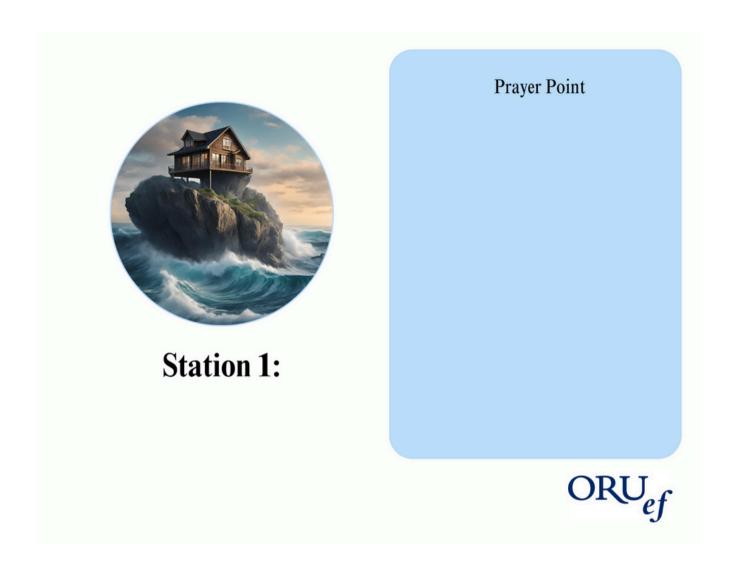
Station 4: Action Steps

Journal/Discussion Points

- -Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal ways you can actively be building a better foundation. (It could be Bible reading, worship, more prayer, etc.) Led Him lead you!
- -Write down what He says. Make a plan to accomplish that. (e.g. read one chapter of the Bible every day)



Blank DOP Prayer Station Cards



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Parent Email

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Day of Prayer on Tuesday, March 4th! As members of the ORU Educational Fellowship, we are part of a global network of Christian schools. On March 4, we have the privilege of joining with schools worldwide to dedicate ourselves to prayer. We will pray for our families, schools, churches, and nation. The day will be filled with meaningful classroom activities, prayer walks, and special times of worship, all designed to draw us closer to Jesus.

This year's theme, *Built on the Rock*, is inspired by Matthew 7:24-25, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

Jesus paints a powerful image of a life established in Him. When we make Him our firm foundation, even the most challenging storms cannot overwhelm us. Though trials may come, and difficulties arise, He remains faithful to carry us through. We can rely on Him daily as our foundation and experience His peace and strength. We pray that this theme serves as a powerful reminder of our hope in Christ—He will never abandon us, and His presence will sustain us in every circumstance.

We invite you to join us in prayer on this special day. Together, let's ask God to guide, protect, and empower His people, enabling us to reflect His light in our community. You can also take this opportunity to reflect on the theme *Built on the Rock* at home and discuss how Jesus' teachings can be applied in our daily lives.

We sense God drawing us closer to Him during this time, and we are always excited to partner with you in raising up a generation that is *Built on the Rock*. Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we seek His presence, strength, and blessings for our children and our school community.

Sincerely,

Sample Leadership and Staff Email

Dear School Leaders and Staff,

ORUef is hosting a Day of Prayer for member schools on March 4th. This is an amazing community of Christian Schools that we are a part of. We have the opportunity to partner with other schools from all around the world and pray together.

The ORUef Day of Prayer is an annual event with a new theme each year. This year, the theme is *Built on the Rock*, inspired by Matthew 7:24-25. "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

We are committed to prayer as a school, so we are extremely expectant for this time. God is going to move in mighty ways in each of our students. Please take a moment to review the Day of Prayer Packet, which includes resources to implement in the classroom. Feel free to add any of your ideas and share your ideas with others.

General Plans for Day of Prayer 2025

Elementary: (this is just an example. You can add your own plan here.) Teachers, please plan to implement prayer in your classroom as much as possible. Choose a few ideas from the DOP packet or come up with your own to use throughout the day. We would love to have students pray corporately with this focus all throughout the day in the morning, at lunch, to end the day, etc. You could even establish pray partners to pray together throughout the day!

Secondary: (this is just an example. You can add your own plan here.) Teachers, please plan to implement prayer in your classroom as much as possible. Choose a few ideas from the DOP packet or develop your own to use throughout the day. Before starting each class, ask for volunteers to pray. You could assign one to pray or even give multiple students a different prayer point.

All School: (this is just an example. You can add your own plan here.) During chapel we will center worship and the message on the theme *Built on the Rock*. At the end, we will incorporate a prayer walk. Students will be partnered with a buddy or team to journey through different prayer points. Be prepared to assign prayer partners as necessary (e.g. Miss Smith's first-grade class will be partnered with Mr. Evan's 8th grade homeroom).

Thank you in advance for your dedication and hard work! We are eager to see all God will do during this special time. Let us continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully and guide us in every detail, not only on March 4th but in each and every day. It is truly a blessing and a privilege to partner with each of you in building the Kingdom of God!

Sincerely,

Sample Morning Announcement

Introduction of the ORUef Day of Prayer: Today marks our first annual Day of Prayer, and we are excited! We have the incredible privilege to join Christian schools around the world in dedicating this day to Jesus and prayer. Today's schedule is filled with fun activities, including a special chapel focused on prayer, and a buddy prayer walk centered on our theme, *Built on the Rock*.

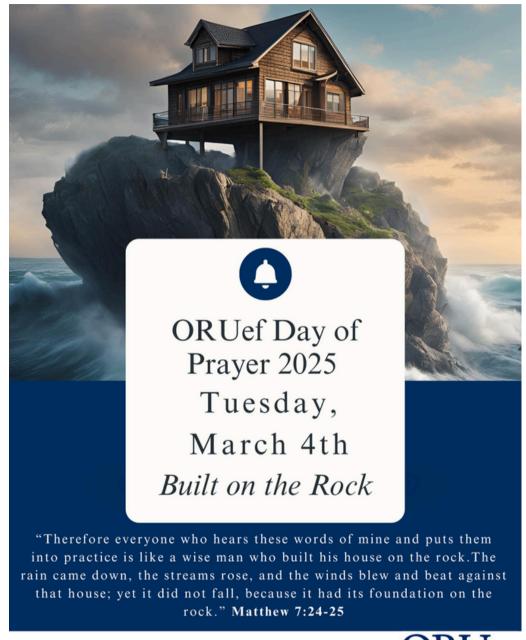
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Throughout the day we are going to pray and be attentive to what the Holy Spirit is speaking. He has so many things He wants to tell us! Be bold if He gives you a Word or you feel Him ask you to pray for someone. You are a mighty child of God and He wants to use you. Also, every student who memorizes Matthew 7:24-27 and says it to their teacher will receive a special prize from my office. Be on the lookout for all the ways you can practice it today!

Now, if you bow your heads with me, we can pray for this special day.

Lord Jesus, I thank you for your sweet presence. Thank you for allowing us to have the opportunity to praise and worship you in a school like this. It is an honor to learn your ways and get to know you more. We ask that you anoint this Day of Prayer for our school and for the schools around the world. Meet us in a special way. We dedicate every prayer, song, activity, and class to you. Open our hearts for all you want to do today. In Jesus name, Amen!

DOP Poster

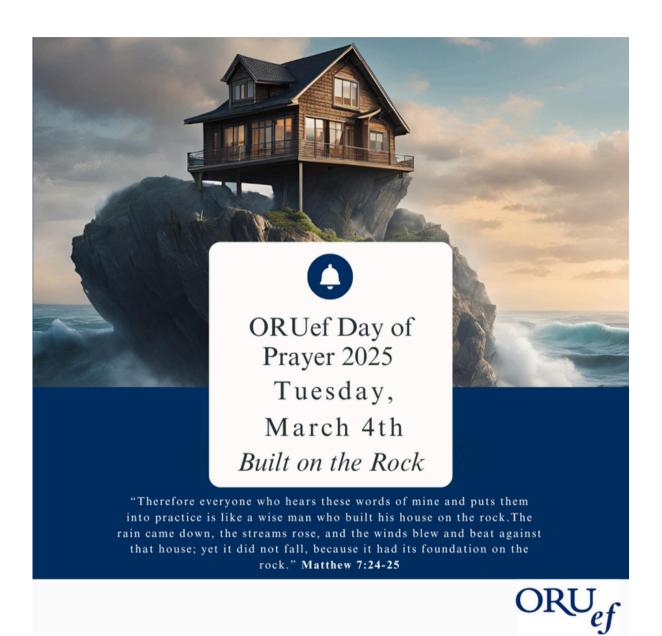


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DOP Social Media Graphic



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DOP Kids' Bookmarks







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