



IOS PRAYER LEADER GUIDE

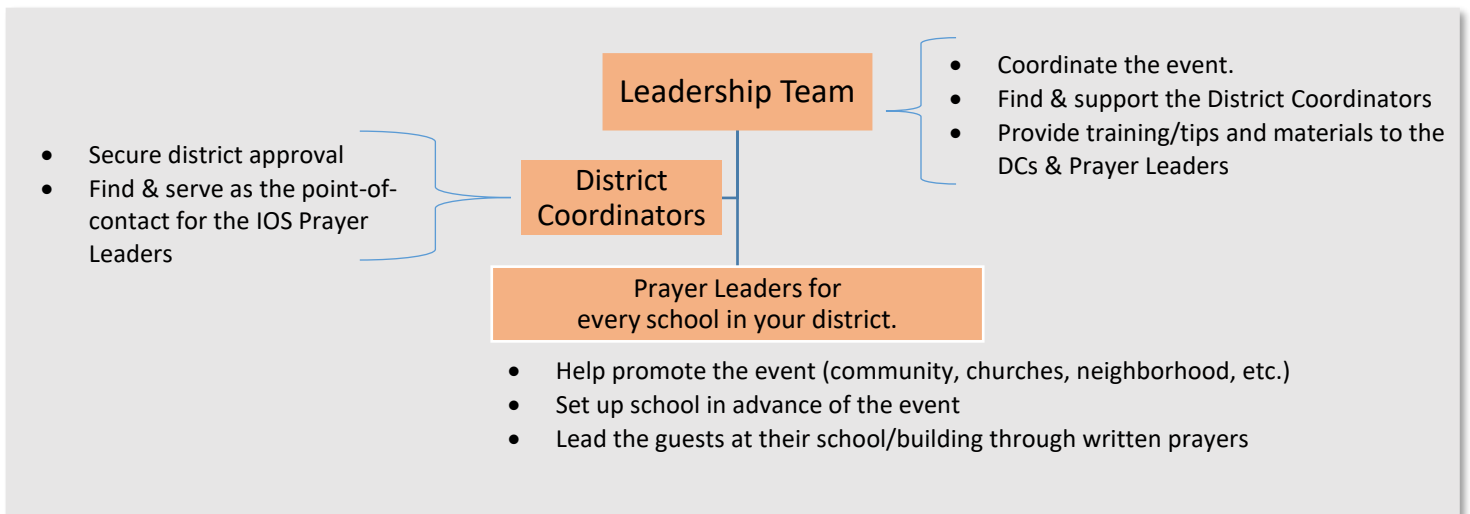
ABOUT INSPIRE OUR SCHOOLS:

Inspire Our Schools is a non-denominational Christian gathering of the community to offer prayers of blessing & dedication over our schools. We believe we're all on the same team, we're better together, and our schools — students, teachers, faculty, staff and parents — are in vital need of prayer.

Inspire: "to breathe or blow into or upon; to infuse (something, such as life) by breathing." We're breathing the Holy Spirit into our schools.

"If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."
Matthew 18:19-20

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.""
John 20:21-22



IOS PRAYER LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Watch for materials.** The IOS Leadership Team will email your prayer script to you about one week prior to the event. Make sure you have these before the event & take a moment to read through the script.
- **Scope-out your school/building prior to the event.** It's helpful to drive around your school/building prior to the event to make a plan and see where all the doors are located.
- **Day of event.** On the day of the event, arrive at your location no later than 6:30 p.m. Welcome guests as they arrive and begin the event promptly at 7:00 p.m. Absolutely every part of the event and everything you say will be provided in your script – please do not deviate from the script.
- **Following the event.** You will receive a feedback request from the IOS Leadership Team. Please complete it and send it back – we want to hear how things went from your point of view!
- **Send Pictures.** After the event is complete for the night send pictures to us via email or text.

RESOURCES

The Inspire Our Schools events are promoted primarily through word-of-mouth and social media, so please begin sharing the event & date immediately!

- **Share IOS with your church!** If they need additional materials or graphics so they can promote it to your congregation, direct them here: <http://inspireourschools.org/resources>. (You can use these resources too!)
- **Share IOS with your friends & family!** Share our social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), text and email the information and direct them to our website (www.InspireOurSchools.org).

A FEW POINTS OF CLARIFICATION & MESSAGING ABOUT IOS:

- This is unapologetically a non-denominational Christian event. Jesus is the focus. However, everyone – regardless of their religious affiliation - is welcome & encouraged to attend.
- It's always important to communicate that this is not a district event, nor is it endorsed by any of the districts involved. Our official message says, *"While the participating districts have given their consent for this event, it is not a district event, nor is it in any way endorsed or sponsored by the districts involved."*
- The event happens at every participating district and every participating school/building simultaneously. Guests can show-up at the school/building of their choice and an IOS Prayer Leader will guide them through the prayers.
- We strive to be as respectful as possible with this event. We don't want to give anyone a reason to say "no" in the future.

A FEW THINGS WE DON'T WANT YOU TO DO:

- **Do not speak to the media on our behalf.** If anyone from the media contacts you, please give them our contact information.
- **Don't add to the event.** While we love the passion and excitement people have for this event, please ask your IOS Leaders not to add music, food, devotions, etc. to their IOS event. It's really important that every school/building have the same experience, and we want Christ to be the focus.
- **Ask questions.** If you have ANY questions, reach out to your District Liaison. If they don't know the answer, they will contact the IOS Leadership Team.

Thank you for serving! This event would not happen without you!