

Students Gather to See God 'Pour Out His Spirit'

Thousands of students showed up early on their school campuses this morning with a singular focus – to pray for their friends, schools, communities and the unsaved.

See You at the Pole (SYATP) is a global movement of prayer that is student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led. It takes place on the fourth Wednesday in September.

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For the last 34 years, young people have gathered at their school's flag pole or other community location to "intercede for their leaders, schools, and families, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries," reads a statement on the SYATP website.

The gatherings are constitutionally permissible at public schools because they're student-led and take place outside of class time, usually before school starts. Adults are encouraged to pray in support of the students on campus by gathering nearby, at their places of work or worship.

"Schools are more than buildings. God wants to be present in them and bring transformation," said SYATP. "This is the importance of prayer and the importance of See You at the Pole."

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The movement, which began in Burleson, Texas, has spread across the globe, and on this day students "all around the

world in every time zone, for 24 be praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities.”

“See You at the Pole is a ‘moment,’” said Doug Clark, National Field Director of SYATP. “We hope adults and students will consider turning that moment into a movement by praying every day. ...we need to ask God to pour out His Spirit on us more than ever. The heart of SYATP is extraordinary prayer.”

This year’s theme, “First, Pray,” comes from 1 Timothy 2:1 which says, “I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.”

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