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SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE:

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"IN GOD WE TRUST" GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

All Louisiana schools will display the words "In God We Trust," thanks to

a bill signed into law last year. Although Gov. John Bel Edwards signed Senate Bill 244 in May 2018, its deadline fell at the beginning of this school year. Each campus can determine how to display the national motto, but there is a minimum requirement of at least a paper sign. Educators must also teach students the histories of the motto and the U.S. flag. Shelby Ainsworth, Principal of West Monroe High School, supports the effort. "I still feel strongly that America is a Christian nation. I want our high school youngsters exposed to as much as that as possible." The motto first appeared on coins during the Civil War and, in 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation declaring "In God We Trust" the nation's motto and mandating it be printed on all paper currency. State Sen. Regina Barrow introduced the measure declaring, "It's really important that young people understand the patriotic history" of America.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 28:7; Mark 5:36.

PRAY: The "In God We Trust" motto returns to all schools. **ACTION:** Write a postcard: "Dear Sen. Barrow, I am (age) years old. Thank you for bringing the "In God We Trust" motto back into the schools." State Sen. Regina Barrow, 4811 Harding Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70811.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/in-god-we-trust-will-be-seen-in-alllouisiana-public-schools 3040123.html

https://www.kait8.com/2019/08/11/god-we-trust-motto-appear-

every-louisiana-public-school-this-

fall/?fbclid=IwAR1Vgw4fDEkjfTMYjy5_Q_2uFcfLzLGoiz5Qj4YhM5Pvrbz XIXLygnp4gSU



"SCHOOL PRAYER ZONE" SIGNS POSTED

Students heading to school in Richland County, South Carolina, are being greeted by a new type of road sign. Thanks to a three-year effort by a local nonprofit, new

signs declaring "School Prayer Zone," are popping up on church properties alongside county highways. The green and white signs show stick figures of a man and woman praying. A reference to 2 Chronicles 7:14 calls on God's people to pray, repent, and seek God for the healing of their land. Vanessa Frazier, founder and director of Christ Teens developed the idea and has been working since 2016 to earn the blessings of the South Carolina Department of Transportation. The department maintains the signs are legal because they are not in the public right-of-way.

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 29:7; Matthew 26:41.

PRAY: School Prayer Zones spread nationwide.

ACTION: For a Prayer and Action meeting, pray for churches across America–maybe including yours–to allow signs on their property, where practical–designating "School Prayer Zones."

https://saltandlightcouncil.org/blog-1

https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2019/august/school-prayer-zoneroad-signs-pop-up-near-schools-in-sc

SALT & LIGHT MINISTRY MOMENT:

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See You at the Pole:

Doug Clark – Promotion Coordinator

See You at the Pole (SYATP), a global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grassroots movement

with 10 students praying at their school. Decades later, millions of pupils pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September, this year on Sept. 25. At its core, SYATP is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the flagpole before first bell to lift up friends, families, teachers, school and nation to God. Student-initiated, these gatherings have proven to be the catalyst to launch campus Bible clubs and other ministries. "As in all great movements of prayer, See You at the Pole did not begin in the hearts of people. It began in the heart of God. God used the obedience of a small group of teenagers to ignite what has become an international movement of prayer among young people," the ministry website reads.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 18:19-20.

PRAY: Students are emboldened to share Jesus on campus. **ACTION:** For a Prayer and Action meeting, discuss how to join SYATP at your school. Additionally, explore ways to offer ongoing prayer support on your campus. <u>https://svatp.com/</u>

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