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Scripted
Back-to-School
Prayers

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4 Weeks of Scripted Back-to-School Prayers

- 1 Start with the first full week of school. Fill in your dates to pray on the calendar below.
- 2 Read the prayer and the Bible verse for the day. (Parents, a Bible app helps keep things moving!)
- 3 Pray each morning for your school, your classmates, and yourself. Pray during the day, too.
- 4 Look for ways God answers your prayers.

week one

Mon. /

God, wake me up with a patient heart that's happy in You. Don't let me look anywhere else to feel valuable.

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Tues. /

Holy Spirit, You're the best friend I could have. Lead me to a classmate who needs a friend.

"For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

ECCLESIASTES 4:10

Wed. /

God, You're the best teacher! Give my teachers compassion and skill.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

PROVERBS 31:26

Thurs. /

God, give my principal wisdom to make our school a good place to learn.

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."

JAMES 3:17

Fri. /

Jesus, thank You for loving me. Show me how to be Your ambassador in my school.

"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

week two

Mon. /

Father, You are my helper. Help the students around me, too, who have learning disabilities or other tough circumstances.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

COLOSSIANS 3:12

Tues. /

Jesus, help me reach out with kindness to someone different from me.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

GALATIANS 6:2

Wed. /

God, I want to love You with all of me. Give me strength and skill for my activities today.

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

MARK 12:30

Thurs. /

Father, You're my strength. Give me all I need to complete homework at the end of a crazy day.

"Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord ... being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience..."

COLOSSIANS 1:10-11

Fri. /

Holy Spirit, You encourage my soul. Show me how to encourage someone else today.

"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad."

PROVERBS 12:25

week three

Mon. /

Almighty God,
You're my shield
and protector.
Protect the
victims of bullying
today and give
them courage.

"Fear not, for I am
with you; be not
dismayed, for I am
your God; I will
strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold
you with my
righteous right hand."

ISAIAH 41:10

Tues. /

Father, You
listen to me
and help me.
Help me listen
well and do
my best.

"Whatever you do,
work heartily, as for
the Lord and not for
men."

COLOSSIANS 3:23

Wed. /

You're my Prince
of Peace. Give me
peace and
wisdom whenever
I'm feeling
anxious today.

"Do not be anxious
about anything, but in
everything ... with
thanksgiving let your
requests be made
known to God."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Thurs. /

God, give ability
and peace to
other kids who
are having a hard
time with school.

"Seek the Lord and his
strength; seek his
presence continually!"

1 CHRONICLES 16:11

Fri. /

Father, thank You
for my school,
teachers, staff,
and classmates.
Help me see the
good gifts You've
given me here.

"Rejoice always, pray
without ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for
you."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

week four

Mon. /

Jesus, You died
for me rather
than receiving
the honor You
deserved. Help
me think more
often of others
and their needs.

"Do nothing from
selfish ambition or
conceit, but in
humility count others
more significant than
yourselves. Let each
of you look not only
to his own interests,
but also to the
interests of others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Tues. /

God, Your ways
are good. Help
bullies stop the
ways they destroy
others and
themselves.

"There are six things
that the Lord hates ...
haughty eyes, a lying
tongue, and hands
that shed innocent
blood, a heart that
devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste
to run to evil, a false
witness who breathes
out lies..."

PROVERBS 6:16-19

Wed. /

Holy Spirit, give
me insight in
conversations so
I can speak
wisely.

"Let your speech
always be gracious,
seasoned with salt, so
that you may know
how you ought to
answer each person."

COLOSSIANS 4:6

Thurs. /

God, show me
ways I can serve
and help my
teachers.

"If anyone would be
first, he must be last
of all and servant of
all."

MARK 9:35

Fri. /

Sovereign God,
protect my
school from
violence. Help
kids who are
afraid to come
to school.

"I love the Lord,
because he has
heard my voice and
my pleas for mercy."

PSALM 116:1

Lunchbox

PRAYER CARDS

- 1 Fill in dates on each of the cards so they correspond to your prayer calendar.
- 2 Cut out the cards.
- 3 If you want, write a quick note in the space below that day's prayer.
- 4 Each day, put that day's card in your child's lunch box or backpack.



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Prayers

FOR MY CHILD'S

teacher

To Pray All Year

family

Work-life balance;
capacity to make
family priority

encouragement

Meaningful, consistent,
motivating appreciation
and inspiration that
helps them serve
from the heart

creativity

Practical, exciting
methods that develop
holistic, lifelong
learners of
God's word

wisdom

Each child's unique
makeup and
circumstances;
discernment in
decision-making and
discipline; abundant
training, ideas, and
intuition

peace

Excellence not out of
fear (of test scores,
conflict, administrators,
parents, job security, etc.)
but full of love for God
and students. Wholeness
in personal lives

love

Genuine compassion,
concern, vision, and
understanding for
students and their
stories; perseverance
through natural
prejudices and dislikes

humility

Dependence on God in
faith; knowledge of what
they don't know, cannot
do alone, and need;
prevention from lording
authority or insecurely
craving approval

endurance

Strength motivated
by love; arms strong
for their tasks
(Proverbs 31:17);
protection from
monotony,
discouragement,
and isolation

patience

Protection from irritability
or desire to repay hurt;
daily long-suffering,
allowing people to be
"in process" in personal
growth and maturity

vision

Ability to fully, faithfully
equip kids with an
eye to who they
can become

Walk with God; salvation

Christ witnessed by kids
and others on an intimate,
daily level; God's powerful
hand in the teacher and
the classroom; intimate
knowledge of and
connection with God

unity

Community with
teachers, parents, &
administration,
strengthening and
complementing
each other

prayers

TO PRAY ALL YEAR

(BY STAGE)

EARLY CHILDHOOD/
ELEMENTARY:
I pray for...

- ✓ engagement in learning; finding school fun, safe, and a haven for growth and creativity.
- ✓ true friends who encourage character; wholesome community of all ages
- ✓ connection to a teacher with vision for my child's unique makeup and challenges
- ✓ connections of my child's education with Your character, creation, and Word
- ✓ increasing humility, obedience to authority, self-discipline, grit, and excellence
- ✓ my child to learn to love others well, seeing, responding to, and serving them
- ✓ early identification of strengths and weaknesses/obstacles to learning; wisdom for next steps
- ✓ a teacher who models character, love, excellence, and curiosity about Your world
- ✓ protection from evil; rapid discovery when my child is on a bad path
- ✓ close companionship of my child with You

MIDDLE SCHOOL/
HIGH SCHOOL:
I pray for...

- ✓ growth in godly character, morality, and wisdom; rootedness in Your love and truth
- ✓ teachers with vision who invest in my child and persevere in shaping them
- ✓ protection from evil; rapid discovery when my child is on a bad path
- ✓ close companionship with You through the school day; intimate understanding of Your love and care
- ✓ love for and knowledge of Your Word; application to every subject; increased worship of You
- ✓ increasing godly character, morality, and wisdom; identity rooted in Your love, acceptance, and truth
- ✓ godly mentors who call forth maturity and the way You've made my child
- ✓ increasing discernment and ability to resist temptation; learning to walk with the Holy Spirit
- ✓ growth through challenges; emotionally mature and wise responses to conflict and pain
- ✓ humility, obedience to authority, self-discipline, grit, and excellence
- ✓ enthusiasm for learning with an eye to serve You and community; faith impacting my child's relationships
- ✓ opportunities to awaken and explore my child's strengths; wise navigation of weakness
- ✓ a family schedule created with just the right yeses and no's, with capacity for relationships and rest