

Noted:

Scripted
Back-to-School
Prayers









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.

Mon.

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

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

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

feel valuable.

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

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

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

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

Mon

learning

Father, You are my

helper. Help the

students around

me, too, who have

disabilities or

other tough circumstances.

"Put on then, as

God's chosen ones,

holy and beloved,

compassionate

and patience."

hearts, kindness,

humility, meekness,

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

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

COLOSSIANS 3:12

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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

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

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

my best.

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

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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

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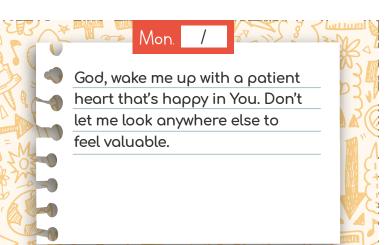
Lunchbox

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.
- Each day, put that day's card in your child's lunch box or backpack.



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Prayers

FOR MY CHILD'S

family

Work-life balance; capacity to make family priority

encowragement

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

To Pray All Year



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

peace

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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

wisdom

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



love

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

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endurance

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



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



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



unity

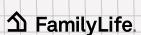
Community with teachers, parents, & administration, strengthening and complementing each other



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







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(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

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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

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