



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

Philippians 4:6

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A Book of Prayers for Back to School



A Prayer for a Bold Witness

Father,

You have placed me in this community, this neighborhood, this class, and this social circle with intentionality.

I understand that I have been sent to spread the good news to those I interact with on a daily basis.

Father, give me boldness as I share my faith. Give me opportunities to tell others about the gospel. May I live in a way that makes people want to know more about what you have done for me and in me.

May many people around me come to know, love, and worship you.

Amen.

Colossians 1:9-12

Father,

We continually ask you to fill _____ with the knowledge of your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

so that _____ may live a life worthy of you and please you in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of you, being strengthened with all power according to your glorious might

so that _____ may have great endurance and patience and give joyful thanks to you,

who has qualified _____ to share in the inheritance of your holy people in the kingdom of light.

Amen.



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A Prayer for Students

Father,

Students are, by definition, in a unique and pivotal season of life. They are opening themselves up to new ideas, new relationships, and new experiences.

We know, Father, that you are using these new influences to shape these students into who you want them to be. Please help them to trust you with all their hearts. Help them to not lean on their own understanding.

We ask that you use this school year to make them more like you.

Amen.

A Student's Prayer

Father,

You know everything and you understand everything. My knowledge and understanding are limited.

Thank you for your promise to give wisdom and understanding those who humble themselves and ask.

Please give me wisdom, Lord. Please help me to be teachable, and ready to learn from my mistakes. Help me to trust you, and to not be wise in my own eyes.

As I study and learn more about the world, help me to grow in my love of the world's maker. May I not get caught up in trying to please other people, but seek your favor first.

In all my ways, help me to submit to you. Make my paths straight.

Amen.



When Someone is Mean

Father,

There is a person in my life that is hurting me. I feel angry, afraid, and insecure. Sometimes I want to retaliate. Sometimes I want to believe I deserve their mean words or actions. Sometimes I believe lies: that you aren't taking care of me, or that you don't love me.

Help me to believe the truth: that you are my Father, and I am your child. That you see me in this hard situation, and that you have purpose for me.

Help me to have wisdom about how to respond to this person. Help me know when to speak up and when to be quiet. Help me know when to stand up for myself, and when to involve other people.

Help me to forgive and love this enemy. Help me to bring glory to you – even in this situation.

Amen



When I Feel Lonely

Father,

I feel alone and ignored. I don't feel known and understood by the people around me, and even when I do have friends, they can disappoint me.



But Father, I know you are always with me. You are not far away, but close by. In fact, your spirit lives inside me! You know me better than anyone and understand me better than I understand myself.

Remind me of your presence, Father. Teach me to trust that you will never leave me.

Give me the grace to know the height, breadth, and depth of your love. Help me to be so full and satisfied by your love that I do not look to others for my identity or security.

Amen.

When I Feel Nervous



Father,

My mind is full of things to worry about. I am anxious about will or will not happen, and whether I will respond well to the situations that arise.

Give me a bigger picture, Lord. Remind me of what is and is not important, and your role in it all. I know that you are sovereign over all things, and that all things are under your authority. Help me to trust you and to not give in to fear.

Amen



When I Want to Quit

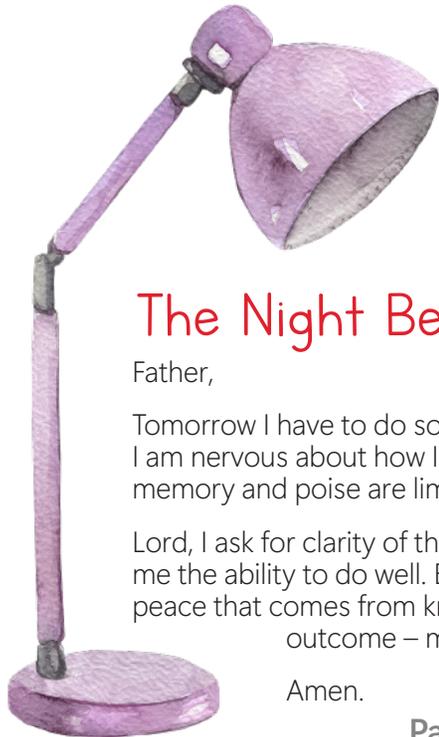
Father,

I feel frustrated and overwhelmed. I'm tired and stressed. This feels like too much to handle!

You never feel this way, Father. I am thankful for that. You never tire of me or my requests. Help me to rely on you, and not on myself. Help me to persevere. Help me to take the next step, and to do the next right thing.

Please give me strength and rest. Refresh my spirit so that I can do the task ahead of me in a way that glorifies you.

Amen.



The Night Before a Test

Father,

Tomorrow I have to do something I have been preparing for, but I am nervous about how I will perform in the moment. I know my memory and poise are limited.

Lord, I ask for clarity of thought tomorrow. I ask that you will give me the ability to do well. But most of all, Father, I ask you for the peace that comes from knowing that – regardless of tomorrow's outcome – my identity remains yours.

Amen.

A Prayer for Teachers

Father,

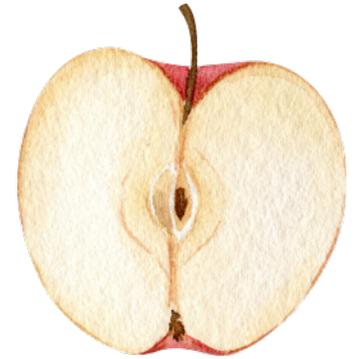
We know that teachers have a special role and calling. They have the opportunity to influence and mold lives in ways that few professions offer.

We pray for the teachers in our congregation, Lord. Give them the wisdom, enthusiasm, and patience needed to teach their students well.

Protect their health, their families, and their schools as they carry out this important task. Grant them the grace to be a light to the students and families they serve, and the co-workers they serve alongside.

Encourage them when they are disappointed, refresh them when they are tired, and invigorate them when they are challenged. May others see their good works and praise you.

Amen.



A Teacher's Prayer

Father,

You are good and in control of all things. In your sovereignty, you have placed me in the position I am in this school year, and you have selected the students I will teach with purpose. There are no accidents, and no wasted challenges.

Help me trust your sovereignty, Lord. Help me to remember that you have prepared me to do good things this school year, and that these students have been assigned to me because it was your plan for me and your plan for them.

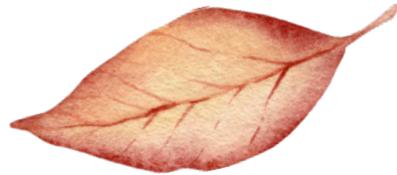
Give me wisdom and clarity as I seek to teach well, and give me patience and humility as I seek to love well.

May the work of my hands be pleasing in your sight, Father.

Amen.



A Prayer for Parents



Father,

The beginning of the new school year means decision and effort on the part of parents, as they consider the next steps for learning and maturity on the part of their children. Give them wisdom, Lord.

Help them to have confidence in your sovereignty and the poise that comes from utter trust in your plan.

Help them to navigate the issues that will arise with patience and grace. May they point their children to the gospel, as they preach it to themselves.

Amen.

A Parent's Prayer

Father,

It can be frightening to lead our children through the next steps of independence. We can worry about the discomfort of circumstances today, and the consequences of our (or their) decisions tomorrow.

Give me the courage and wisdom to lead my children well. Help me to know when it is time to speak, and when it is time to listen. Help me know when it is good for me to say "yes," and when it is good for me to say "no".



Guide my child in your righteousness. Help them to be wise, and to trust your Word. Help them to respect their teachers, and to be a good friend. Help them to work hard, and be a leader.

But more than that, Father, I want them to love you. Center their heart on you alone. Change them from the inside out.

Amen.

A Prayer for Homeschooling Parents

Father,

The homeschooling moms and dads in our congregation have a special role in the development of their children, as they personally craft and plan their child's education.

Lord, give these parents an extra measure of patience as they teach and guide, wisdom as they make long-term decisions, and strength as they take on this extra task.

May these homeschooling parents find balance, energy, and creativity as they teach their children. Help them to know the best way to meet their child's needs, and to inspire them when they feel discouraged.

Amen



A Homeschooling Parent's Prayer

Father,

As we start this next school year, we ask for your wisdom and guidance. We ask for strength to please you, patience with one another, and peace in our home.

Help us to teach and learn well. Help us to put you first in all things, and to drench our learning with the gospel.

We trust that you will sustain us in this project, and mold us ever more into the image of your Son.

Amen.

