

Prayer Topic #4:
A Prayer Regarding Education and Literacy

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 47, Deuteronomy 4:5-10

Reflections of the Heart:
“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.” ~ Anthony J. D’Angelo

Scriptural Prayer:

All-Wise Father, thank You for the ability to learn and to grow. Thank You for our schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools where we can hone our skills and become better prepared to make a significant contribution to our world. You have anointed writers who have produced great literary works for us to study and enjoy from generation to generation. Thank You for Your Word which is a lamp to our feet, lighting the path of truth for us. Our lives are in Your hands, and You keep our feet from stumbling. We are grateful for the teachers, mentors, and leaders You have assigned to us throughout our lives who have shared their wisdom and knowledge with us. Those who love You cannot help but love learning, for to know You is to thirst for wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

Righteous Father, we, the members of Windsor Village UMC, commit ourselves to the support, endorsement, and expansion of education throughout our community. We declare that Your highest blessing is upon the Imani School, Neighborhood Centers Head Start Program, Jean Hines-Caldwell Elementary School, Victory Prep Academy, and The Prayer Institute. We confess that we will not neglect to show loyalty and kindness in all of our collaborations and dealings. We proclaim that we have earned a good reputation through obedience, as well as favor with You and with people. We decree that we are empowered to close the literacy gap between those who are advantaged and those who are disadvantaged. We will share our means, time, and talents to ensure that our children are well-equipped with all that they need to secure a solid and progressive education. We declare that You will generously provide all that they need to grow in excellence and to be able to exert their skills and talents in the marketplace in such a way that it brings You the glory. We proclaim that through our committed efforts to improve the accessibility of a quality education for everyone, we are operating as salt and light within our city. We bring hope through divine opportunity!

Choose a school or other learning institution in your community and commit to pray for the staff and students for one week:

Holy Spirit, let the wisdom of God come alive among the members of our various school boards: Houston ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Conroe ISD, Pearland ISD, Pasadena ISD, and others within the Greater Houston Area. Please draw unbelieving parents, educators, administrators, board members, and students to the Father through the witness of the believers You have planted in our schools. Awaken the awareness and compassion of our community leaders and legislators to the disparities within our current education system. Convict the hearts of those who are not performing their duties in integrity and fairness. Help them to become more diligent and focused on their obligation to protect the rights of all children to have access to the best academic experience possible. Remind us as parents that the foundation of all education begins at home. Help us to not only teach our children the Word of God, but to also take time to expose them to daily learning opportunities that will improve their understanding. Strengthen us to model good self-discipline before them and to teach them the value of literacy and education.

Loving Father, forgive those who love ignorance more than knowledge. Forgive those of us for wasting precious opportunities to learn. Forgive us, as parents, for not being as involved in our children’s academic lives as we should be. Forgive our legislators and community leaders for misappropriating and wasting vital funds to improve our education system. Forgive those of us for being too lazy to read and expand our minds. Forgive those of us for not nurturing the learning process in our young children and impeding their growth and success through our

selfish distractions. Lord, forgive me for *(list any sins that You have committed)*. Holy Spirit, remind us of all those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. *(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show You names or faces of people that You may need to forgive. As He shows You, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)*

Exalted Father, help us to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Worthy Father, all heaven will praise Your great wonders. A myriad of angels will praise You for Your faithfulness. For who in all of heaven can compare with You? What mightiest angel is anything like You? The highest angelic powers stand in awe of You. You are far more awesome than all who surround Your throne. O Lord God of Heaven's Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as You? You are entirely faithful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 119:105, Psalm 66:9, John 14:26, Proverbs 3:3-4, II Corinthians 9:8, I Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:13, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 89:5-8

Today I will trust God to:
