

Prayer Topic #3:

A Prayer for Students Taking Standardized Tests, Placement Tests and/or Final Exams

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 111, Acts 1:1-8

Reflections of the Heart:

This is the _____ day of the Omer. "We praise You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Jesus Christ, our eternal Redeemer and Savior, and commanded us to count the Omer. By faith, we wait with joyful hearts to celebrate the sending of Your Holy Spirit."

Scriptural Prayer:

Majestic Father, we thank You for our students who are preparing for Standardized Tests, Placement Tests and/or Final Exams. Thank You for crowning each of them with wisdom and honor. Thank You for the educators who have a genuine interest in seeing our children and youth succeed. O God, You are our God; we earnestly search for You. Our souls thirst for You; our bodies long for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water. We have seen You in Your sanctuary and gazed upon Your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how we praise You! We will praise You as long as we live. We will lift up our hands to You in prayer. You satisfy us more than the richest feast. With songs of joy will we praise You.

Royal Father, we confess that our students are well versed in every area of learning; gifted with knowledge and good judgment. We declare that just as You anointed Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego with an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom, that You will anoint our students to excel in their academics and to conquer their Standardized Tests, Placement Tests and/or Final Exams. We decree that our students understand the value of knowledge; they understand that wisdom is more profitable than silver and her wages are better than gold. We confess that they will not be anxious about these tests, but they will pray and tell You what they need. They will thank You for all that You have done for them; then they will experience Your peace which exceeds anything they can understand. We declare that our students can do everything through Christ, including excelling on these tests and/or Final Exams, because You give them strength. We expect that as they study and apply themselves to their academics, that Holy Spirit, You will bring all things to their remembrance when they sit down to begin their Standardized Tests, Placement Tests and/or Final Exams. We decree that our students are the head and not the tail; they will always be on top and will never be at the bottom academically.

Today, I pray specifically for:

Holy Spirit, please help our students to hunger and thirst after knowledge. Help them to shed every false label, expectation and preconceived notion that society has placed upon them. Help them to see themselves as more than conquerors in every aspect of their lives. Holy Spirit, please help our parents and guardians to understand how important it is for them to have an active role in their child's education. Show them how to partner with their student's teachers to encourage and help their child to learn. Lead and guide our students to scholarship and grant opportunities to help pay for their educational expenses. Please open new revenue streams for those parents who are sending their children to college.

Loving Father, forgive the sins of our educators and students. Forgive us, as parents and guardians, for being negligent in teaching our students to first reverence You which is the beginning of wisdom. Forgive those of us for sacrificing our students to excessive television, video games, music and to the ways and customs of the world. Forgive those for devaluing the worth of teachers and education. Forgive us all for not being more insistent on quality education in our school systems. Father, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our students of those they need to forgive and help them 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 reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say, "I forgive name of person(s)."*** Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, help our students not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Awesome Lord, Your right hand is glorious in power. Your right hand smashes the enemy. In the greatness of Your majesty, You overthrow those who rise against You. You unleash Your blazing fury; it consumes them like straw. Who is like You among the gods, glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders? You are God alone! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 63:1-5, Daniel 1:4,17, Proverbs 3:14, Philippians 4:6-7,Philippians 4:13, John 14:26, Deuteronomy 28:13, Matthew 5:6, Romans 8:37, Proverb 9:10, Exodus 15:6-7, Exodus 15:11

Today, I will trust God to:
