

**Prayer Petition #6:**

**A Prayer for Our Children and Youth Preparing for the TAKS Test**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 111, Proverbs 4:1-13

**Reflections of the Heart:**

Our children and youth are rewards from the Lord. As they prepare and study, they are well suited to be successful at any task. They are destined by God to achieve and exceed all academic expectations. They are more than conquerors!

**Scriptural Prayer:**

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. Father, we thank You for our students. Thank You for the teachers and instructors who guide and pour into the lives of our students. Thank You for crowning our students with wisdom and honor.

Father, we confess that our students are well versed in every branch of learning, gifted with knowledge and good judgment. We declare that just as You anointed Daniel, Hannaniah, Mishael and Azariah 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 the TAKS test. We proclaim 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 our students will not worry about the TAKS test, 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 the TAKS tests, 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 the TAKS test. We proclaim that our students are the head and not the tail; they will always be on top and will never be at the bottom academically.

***As the students prepare to take the TAKS tests next month, Holy Spirit, I commit to praying for the following students:***

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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 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. Please give our teachers creative ways to present the material in ways that the students will be able to comprehend the lesson. Please increase our students' capacity to comprehend and excel in all aspects of their education.

Father, forgive us for being negligent in teaching our students to first reverence You which is the beginning of wisdom. Forgive us for sacrificing our students to excessive television, video games, music and to the ways and customs of the world. Forgive us for devaluing the worth of teachers and education. Forgive us for not being more insistent on quality education in our school systems. Lord, remind us of those we need to forgive; and help us to forgive.

Lead our students not into temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

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 4:6-7,13, John 14:26, Deuteronomy 28:13, Romans 8:37, Exodus 15:6,11

*Today, I will trust God to:*

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