

A Prayer for the Students of TSU

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Texas Southern University. Thank You for students attending this dynamic institution. Thank You for equipping them to learn and process information. As this semester begins, we thank You in advance for helping them with their studies and blessing them in the classroom. Thank You for blessing them with scholarships, financial aid and employment. Lord, we are grateful and we bless Your wonderful Name. Your majestic Name fills the earth. You have taught children and infants to tell of Your strength; You have silenced Your enemies and all who oppose You. Father, when we look at the night sky and see the work of Your fingers—the moon and the stars You have set in place—what are mere mortals that You should think about them, human beings that You should care for them? Your thoughts toward us are precious; they cannot be numbered!

Eternal Father, we confess Your Word over each student at TSU as they pursue their education and over the persons who pay their tuition. We are expecting You to work effectually in them, creating within them the power and desire to study and complete their course work. We confess that favor will surround them and they will have good relationships with their professors and fellow students. Lord, we confess that they will put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within them and will not defile themselves with the ways of the world through fornication, excessive drinking and illegal drug use, unclean behavior, ungodly passions, evil desire, covetousness, rebellion, and idolatry. They will stay focused on their studies as if they are working for You. Like Jesus, we declare that the students of TSU will increase in wisdom and stature and they will have favor with You, their professors, school administrators, and fellow students. Lord, we confess that those who are paying for tuition will have more than enough. Their needs will be supplied from Your glorious riches which have been given to them in Christ Jesus. We declare that there will be an abundance of part-time employment opportunities for those students who need work to pay their tuition and remain in school.

Holy Spirit, help the students of TSU to not grow weary, but to continue to study and apply themselves so that they may achieve their goals. Help them to balance their studies and family responsibilities. Show them how to include down time in their busy schedules so they do not become burned out. Please open internship opportunities that will allow them to obtain hands-on experience in their respective career choices. Lord, please continue to open financial doors and reveal scholarships, grants, and other financial aid opportunities. Help our students in Christ to differentiate between Your truth and the world's facts. Please help them to be a light in their environment and not conform to the practices and activities of college life that are contrary to Your will for them. Strengthen and empower them with Your wisdom and power. Lord, protect each student and keep them healthy and their bodies strong. Protect them from meningitis, depression, and other infirmities common in a dorm environment.

Wonderful Father, forgive the students of TSU for all acts of sinfulness including: lack of faith, idolatry, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, homosexuality, drunkenness and revelries. Forgive those students who have not been diligent in their studies in previous semesters. Forgive those who do not trust You to provide all their needs. Forgive those who have gotten involved with people and activities that do not add value to their education. Father, forgive those who pay tuition by trying to do everything themselves instead of trusting You. Holy Spirit, remind each student of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive.

Omnipotent Father, help the students of TSU to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Glorious Lord, Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. Lord, You are King! You are robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Lord, Your throne has stood from time immemorial. You are from the everlasting past. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 8:1-4, Psalm 139:17, Psalm 5:12, Colossians 3:5, Colossians 3:23, Luke 2:52, Philippians 4:19, Galatians 6:9, Galatians 5:19-21, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 145:13, Psalm 93:1-2

A Back-to-School Prayer for Educators and Students at Texas Southern University

Our Father, we praise and thank You for the educators and students of Texas Southern University. Thank You for surrounding each educator and student with favor like a shield. We exalt You, our God and King and praise Your Name forever and ever. We will praise You every day and forever. Lord, You are great and most worthy of praise; no one can measure Your greatness. Each generation will tell its children of Your mighty acts and proclaim Your power. Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains and Your justice like the ocean depths. We come clapping our hands and shouting to You with joyful praise. You are the Lord, Most High, and You are awesome! You are the great King of all the earth.

Triumphant Father, we confess that like Jesus, the students of Texas Southern will grow in wisdom, stature and favor with You and all people. We declare that they will focus on their studies during the school term and not grow distracted or complacent. Each student will work willingly in their classes as though they were working for You. Lord, we declare that no evil will conquer them, nor will any plague come near their homes. We expect for You to order Your angels to protect them wherever they go. We decree that the wisdom of God will enter and rule in their hearts. We confess that they will respect and obey the instructions of their parents, professors and school administrators. We declare that the wise instruction of the professors will be like a life-giving fountain to each student. By faith, we decree that the Christian students on this campus will not depart from the Godly teaching that their parents have instilled in them. They will have good success because they will meditate daily and obey Your Word.

Holy Spirit, impart into each student on this campus Your spirit of excellence, like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. Bless each educator for their service to the Houston community and surrounding communities. Help them to remain committed to their educational "calling." Keep them safe in their classrooms and lead and guide them as they teach. Give each professor wisdom, creativity, and grace to teach each student according to his or her needs, level of intelligence, and learning capabilities. We ask You to increase the capacity of the students to learn, comprehend and excel in all areas of their education including: mathematics, sciences, arts, and all required testing. Holy Spirit, create within each student, teacher, and administrator an excitement, passion and academic desire as they enter the new school year.

Merciful Father, forgive the sins of our educators and students (***list the specific sins***). Forgive those of us in the Body of Christ, for being negligent in teaching our students to first reverence You, which is the foundation of true knowledge. Forgive us, as a nation, for devaluing the worth of teachers and education. Holy Spirit, remind our educators and students of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive.

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

Exalted Lord, You are worthy to receive glory, honor and power. You created all things, and they exist because You created what You pleased. Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 145:1-4, Psalm 36:5-6, Psalm 47:1-2, Psalm 5:12, Luke 2:52, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 91:10-11, Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 13:14, Proverbs 22:6, Joshua 1:8, Daniel 1:17, Proverbs 1:7, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 4:11

A Declaration of Peace and Protection at Texas Southern University

Wonderful Father, we thank You for Your love and presence at Texas Southern University. Thank You for Your provision for our educators and students. We thank You, Lord, for safety and protection for every educator and student at Texas Southern University. Thank You for blessing our community with Your peace. We, Your people, come before You clapping our hands and shouting with joy unto You. You are awesome, Lord Most High! You subdue nations before us and put our enemies under our feet! Father, we thank You for choosing a promised land for our inheritance. We sing praises to You, our Father, and declare that You are the King over all of the earth!

Almighty Father, we decree that You are the Light and Salvation of our educators and students at Texas Southern University, so they will not be afraid. You are their fortress, protecting them from danger, so they will not tremble. We declare that our educators and students will have peace and safety at Texas Southern University and that their homes will be places of rest and relaxation. We decree that our community is vibrant and prosperous. In Jesus' Name, we confess that our educators and students, as well as the residents of our communities and the surrounding communities, will depart from evil and do good; we will all search for peace and work to maintain it. In the authority given to us by Jesus Christ, we rebuke every spirit of fear, intimidation, murder, theft, vandalism, violence, bullying, destruction, discord and perversion from Texas Southern University.

Holy Spirit, give us courage and help us as Christians, to share Christ with the unsaved educators and students at Texas Southern University. Remove the scales from the eyes of those who cannot see Your glory and faithfulness. Use us as Your instruments to be a blessing at Texas Southern University. Build a hedge of protection around our school. Help each educator and student to walk in love and unity towards one another. Remind us all to watch out for one another. Let Your Spirit of love permeate our school and community. Holy Spirit, unify our campus community and help us to stand against violence, crime, and injustice at Texas Southern University.

Merciful Father, forgive our educators and students at Texas Southern University for any acts of sinfulness, including theft, strife, discord, jealousy, rivalries, violence, injustice, hatred, oppression, greed, idolatry, pride, slander, sexual immorality, lewd behaviors, selfish ambition, abuse of any type, drunkenness, wild parties, division, and other sins like these. Forgive those at Texas Southern University and in our communities who do not trust in You. Forgive those of us who are Christians for not sharing Your Gospel with our educators, students and neighbors. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our educators and students at Texas Southern University of those they need to forgive and help them 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.)***

Holy Spirit, help our educators and students at Texas Southern University to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Eternal Lord, You are the blessed and Sovereign One; the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man can see. Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 47:1-4,6-7, Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 32:18, Psalm 34:14, Job 1:10, Galatians 5:19-21, Matthew 6:13, I Timothy 6:15-16