

Prayer Petition #:

A Prayer for Your Elementary School-Aged Child

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 111, Proverbs 2:1-12

Reflections of the Heart:

Your child's desire and ability to learn begins prior to the first day of elementary school; in fact, you are your child's first teacher. However, elementary school is usually your child's first introduction to formal education. It is a moment when your child is filled with excitement and concern. During this season, children's natural curiosity and yearning to learn is further cultivated. The amount of knowledge your child ascertains increases exponentially and the foundation of life-long learning is laid. While this precious window of opportunity is short, it is very crucial. Come to this season expecting your child to experience new opportunities of growth, learning, inquiry, desire, discovery, and development, knowing that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Hallelujah!

Scriptural Prayer:

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. As parents, 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. Father, we praise and thank You for our elementary school-aged children. Thank You for implanting gifts and talents in [child's name] which are irrevocable. Romans 11:29. Thank You for wiring [him/her] with a innate inquisitiveness and inquiring mind. Thank You for this season of maturation and growth especially in [his/her] formal education. We welcome it and come full of expectation.

Father, we confess that like Jesus, [child's name] will grow in wisdom, stature and favor with You and all people. We declare that [he/she] will focus on [his/her] studies and show themselves approved. We proclaim that [child's name] works willingly in [his/her] classes as though [he/she] were working for You. Lord, we declare that no evil will conquer [him/her]; nor will any plague come near our home, for You will order Your angels to protect [child's name] wherever [he/she] goes. We proclaim that the wisdom of God will enter and rule in [his/her] heart. We confess that [child's name] respects and heeds to the instruction of their parents, teachers, and school administrators. We declare that the wise instruction of the teachers will be like a life-giving fountain to [child's name]. We declare that we identify learning patterns and learning styles so that we can teach to the way [child's name] learns, and not to succumb to a one size fits all educational system. Developmentally appropriate practices will help detect [child's name]'s strengths and weakness. Where [he/she] is weak, You will make [him/her] strong. [He/She] has fun, enjoyable learning experiences which strengthens [his/her] desire to learn.

We confess that we, [child's name]'s parents will direct [his/her] onto the right path, and when [he/she] is older [child's name] will not leave it. We proclaim that [child's name] will have good success because [he/she] will meditate daily and obey Your Word. We declare that [child's name] will give [his/her] body to God because of all He has done for [him/her]. We say that [child's name] will be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind God will find acceptable. We confess that [child's name] will not defile [him/herself] with the ways of the world through sex, lies, stealing, gang violence, the use of drugs and other worldly things. We proclaim that [child's name] will let God transform [him/her] into new a person by changing the way [he/she] thinks.

Help us to discover and develop our child's unique gifts and talents. Please give me a glimpse of his/her kingdom building potential and purpose. Show me what I need to do to nurture and develop this potential.

Document what the Holy Spirit shows you about your child's gifts and talents and how to nourish them:

Holy Spirit, give [child's name] an excellent spirit, like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. Bless [his/her] teachers for their service to the Houston community. Help them to remain committed to their educational "calling." Keep

[child's name] safe in their classrooms and lead and guide [him/her] as they learn. Grant each teacher wisdom, creativity, and grace to teach [child's name] according to [his/her] needs, level of intelligence, and learning capabilities. Increase the wisdom and understanding of us as parents on how to partner with the schools to achieve success in [child's name]'s education. Bless our home to be a place of love, peace and support. We ask You to increase the capacity of [child's name] to learn, comprehend and excel in all areas of their education including: reading, mathematics, sciences, arts, and all required testing. Help [him/her] to be well rounded and help [child's name] during their extracurricular activities please protect [him/her] from injury. We pray for godly friends and relationships for [child's name]. Lord, cause Your joy to be [his/her] strength.

Father, forgive us as parents for being negligent in teaching [child's name] to first reverence You which is the foundation of true knowledge. Forgive us for sacrificing [child's name] 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. Lord, remind us of those we need to forgive; and help us to be quick to forgive.

Lead [child's name] not into temptation; but deliver [him/her] from the evil one.

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, Romans 11:29, Luke 2:52, II Timothy 2:15, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 91:10-11, Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 10:11, Proverbs 22:6, Joshua 1:8, Romans 12:1-2, Daniel 1:17, Nehemiah 8:10, Proverbs 1:7, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 4:11

Today, I will trust God to:
