

A Prayer for the Continued Education of Government Professionals

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 105:1-8, James 1:5-6

Reflections of the Heart:

“Intelligence plus character – that is the true goal of education.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

ONE Prayer:

Eternal Father, we bless You. Thank You for the people You have placed in the lives of government professionals as encouragers. Thank You, Lord, for government professionals who have experienced successes in their careers and within their organizations and communities as a result of their education. Thank You that they recognize the power and value of knowledge and understanding. They will praise Your Name with singing and glorify You with thanksgiving. They will praise You, Lord God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth! The Godly will rejoice in You, Lord, and find shelter. And those who do what is right will praise You. Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; Your justice is like the ocean depths.

Triumphant Father, You said it is much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver! We confess that government professionals will listen to Your words and store Your commands in their hearts, turning their ears to wisdom and hearts to understanding. They will see themselves as Your masterpieces, created anew in Christ Jesus so they can do the good things You predestined for them. They will use their platforms and influence to encourage, support and mentor their colleagues, aspiring government professionals and family members to strive for greater knowledge through continued learning practices. Their lives will reflect Your Word which states, just as honey is good and sweet to taste, wisdom is like honey for people who find it – they will have a bright future and their hopes will not be cut short.

Holy Spirit, reveal how I can pray for the continued education of government professionals:

Holy Spirit, please give government professionals the desire to get wisdom and understanding about the Word of God and to go there first for guidance and answers. Help them to recognize that when they put You and Your teachings first, they glorify You and set themselves up for success. Send opportunities for continued education to government professionals so that they may grow and prosper in their organizations and careers. Touch their hearts to share the good things they learn, implement and experience with others so that their colleagues, constituents, aspiring government professionals, friends and family members may benefit from their knowledge. Encourage government professionals around the globe to practice lifestyles of ongoing education so their discernment will be sharpened and they will make decisions for their constituents, communities, states and countries.

Merciful Father, forgive government professionals for all acts of sinfulness, including jealousy, contempt, pride, bitterness, criticism, lying, gossiping, hatred, malice, holding grudges and seeking revenge. Forgive them when they choose education in the world over the wisdom in Your Word. Forgive them when they devalue further education and decide to stop learning about their profession and communities. Forgive them when they use taxpayer dollars to pursue advanced education but do not work to provide educational opportunities for the people they serve. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind all government professionals 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 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 all government professionals not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides You. There is no Rock like You, our God. Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. You are awesome in Your sanctuary. You are the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to His people. Praise be to You, O God! May Your glory shine over all the earth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 69:30, II Chronicles 2:12a, Psalm 64:10, Psalm 36:5-6, Proverbs 16:16, Proverbs 2:1-2, Ephesians 2:10, Proverbs 24:13-14, Matthew 6:13, I Samuel 2:2, Psalm 68:35, Psalm 108:5b

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