#### Prayer Topic #14:

# A Prayer for the Educational System in the Greater Houston Area

# Scripture Reading:

Psalms 92:1-8, Romans 12:6-7, James 3:1-12, 17-18

# Reflections of the Heart:

Aside from their parents, teachers have one of the greatest impacts on a child's life. The words that educators speak into our children's lives will either reinforce or conflict with what they receive from their parents. Let's pray for those who are seeding into our children; that they will be led and directed by Godly wisdom and discernment.

#### Scriptural Prayer:

Eternal Father, we bless You. Thank You, Lord, for the educators who instruct and guide our children. Thank You for the school districts in the Greater Houston Area including Houston Independent School District (ISD), Fort Bend ISD, Pearland ISD, Manvel ISD, Alvin ISD, Alief ISD, Spring Branch ISD, Katy ISD, Conroe ISD and all private schools. Thank You for sending men and women who are committed to providing quality education for our children in all grade levels; regardless of ethnicity or economic status. We praise Your Name with singing and honor You with thanksgiving. We 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.

Lord of Heaven's Armies, as kings of the King, and lords of the Lord, we command justice to run down like water within our local school districts and righteousness like a mighty stream. We decree that equality will rule in every ISD in the Greater Houston Area. As the teachers prepare their curriculum and programming, we confess that the same quality of education they would expect their child to receive is the same quality that they will sow into the lives of our children. We declare that the educators, board members and administrators of our school districts, who confess the Name of Jesus, will trust in You with all of their hearts and not lean to their own understanding. They will seek Your will in all that they do and we trust You to direct their paths as they lead and guide our children. We decree that when it comes to educating our children, the educators, board members and administrators will do what is right, just, and fair and they will find the right way to go. Wisdom will enter their heart and knowledge will fill them with joy. Wise choices will watch over them and understanding will keep them safe. Father, You do not show favoritism, so we declare that our educators, board members and administrators will not show favoritism when it comes to allocating resources and funds.

Holy Spirit, please draw any unbelieving educators, board members and administrators to our Father. Dispatch laborers into their paths who will minister to them the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that they will call upon His Name and be saved. Please grant wisdom to our educators and help them to receive Your knowledge and understanding. Lord, grant a treasure of common sense to those who are honest and be a shield to those who walk with integrity. Please improve the lines of communication between the educators and the parents. Reveal any deceit, injustice, racism, or sexism. Convict the hearts of those who are doing wrong so that they will turn from their wickedness and do what is right. Encourage those who are committed to our children and providing an excellent education.

This month, I will pray for the teachers at the following school:									
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Merciful Father, forgive those teachers who allow their personal feelings to affect how they educate our children. Forgive those school board members who abuse their authority to further their own agendas and causes. Forgive those administrators for racism, sexism, lying, cheating, and stealing. Forgive those ISD employees and officials for not being impartial and fair. Lord, forgive me for *(list any sins that you have committed)*. Holy Spirit, remind our educators, school board members and administrators 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 <u>name of person(s)</u>." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, remind our educators, school board members and administrators not to yield to temptation, but deliver them from the evil one.

All wise King, You are the First and the Last; there is no other God. There is no one like You. You are our Redeemer and Creator. You alone stretched out the heavens. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Psalm 69:30, Il Chronicles 2:12a, Psalm 64:10, Psalm 36:5-6, Amos 5:24, Proverb 3:5-6, Proverb 2:9-11, Romans 2:11, Romans 10:13, Proverb 2:6-7, Galatians 6:9, Matthew 6:13, Isaiah 44:6-7, 24

Today, I will trust God to:					