## A Prayer of Peace and Protection for Educators

## **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 29. Daniel 3:22-27

## Reflections of the Heart:

"The safest place in all the world is in the will of God, and the safest protection in all the world is the name of God." ~ Warren Wiersbe

## ONE Prayer:

Wonderful Father, we thank You for Your peace and protection. Thank You for provision that enables educators to impart knowledge for all students to reach their goals and career success. Thank You for those educators who return to their communities to promote education and mentor future teachers. We thank You, Lord, for having plans for good and not disaster for them, to give them a future and a hope. Thank You for blessing them with Your perfect peace, as they keep their thoughts fixed on You. They will come before You clapping their hands and shouting with joy unto You. Lord Most High, You are awesome! You subdue nations before educators and put their enemies under their feet! Father, we thank You for choosing this promised land for an inheritance for them and their families. They will sing praises to You, Lord, and declare that You are the King over all of the earth!

Almighty Father, You are the light and salvation in the lives of educators, so they will not be afraid. You are their fortress, protecting them from danger so they will not tremble. We declare that they will live peacefully and safely in their workplaces and homes and that their homes will be places of rest. We decree that educators are vibrant and prosperous through the use of their gifts and talents. They will depart from evil and do good; they will search for peace and work to maintain it. Lord, we expect that You will always put a wall of protection around them, their homes and properties, and You will allow them to prosper in everything they do. In the authority given to them by Jesus Christ, educators will cancel the assignments of the spirits of fear, intimidation, theft, vandalism, murder, destruction, discord and perversion from their homes and workplaces.

Holy Spirit, how can I continue to pray for peace and protection in the lives of educators?

Holy Spirit, remind educators that the greatest resource of peace and protection is the Lord God Almighty. Incline their hearts to seek Him first and search His Word for wisdom, comfort, refuge and direction. Give them the strength and courage to stand when administrators, budgets, policies, workplace safety requirements, colleagues or family members do not meet their expectations. Keep them from all temptations including the urge to exalt themselves more than You, mistreat students and co-workers, or falsify grades and official reports. Holy Spirit, impress upon educators the importance of finding the right balance between their work and personal lives. Provide them opportunities to relax and have fun in safe and loving environments.

Gracious Father, forgive educators for all acts of sinfulness, including jealousy, rivalries, dishonesty, injustice, hatred, oppression, greed, idolatry, pride, slander, sexual immorality, selfish ambition, and abuse of any type. Forgive those who choose not to trust in You for all things in all ways. Forgive educators who say they are Christians but do not share Your Gospel nor act in a way that would inspire others to ask them what mighty God they serve. Holy Spirit, remind educators 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 educators not to 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.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 26:3, 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

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