

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Education

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 136:1-9, Daniel 1

Reflections of the Heart:

We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change. And the most pressing task is to teach people how to learn. ~ Peter F. Drucker

ONE Prayer:

Eternal Father, thank You for creating humanity in Your image. We thank You for blessing people and directing us to govern the earth. Thank You for our educators, students, parents and school administrators across the globe. Thank You for protecting students, teachers and support staff on and off school campuses. Thank You for blessing teachers and students with intellect and reason. We magnify Your Holy Name. Lord, by Your awesome power, You made the earth and have established this world by Your infinite wisdom. You stretched out the heavens by Your understanding. Father, You are our light, salvation and the rock of our safety.

Almighty Father, it is Your will for us to give thanks to You always and in all things. Lord, we thank You for creating within each person the capacity for learning and for teaching. Thank You for educators and students who are growing in wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Joyful is the person who finds wisdom and gains understanding. The proceeds of wisdom are better than the profit from silver and gain from fine gold. We declare that wisdom will rule the hearts of our educators and students; knowledge will fill them with joy. As the people of God, we declare that all educators will give wise counsel and instruction, which are the fountains of life and that their students will receive their instruction willingly.

Who are the educators that have touched your life? List what they have done and give thanks:

Holy Spirit, thank You for blessing all educators for their service to their students and communities. Thank You for helping teachers everywhere to remain committed. Keep them safe in their classrooms and lead and guide them as they instruct. Father, increase their creativity, innovation and passion to teach each student according to their individual needs, levels of intelligence, and learning capabilities. Holy Spirit, please touch the hearts of administrators to be responsive to the needs of teachers, students and parents. We ask You to touch the hearts of governing authorities and philanthropists to provide adequate funding to support effective education of students at every level of the educational system in each community on earth. Expand the contributions of parents, family and community members in assisting teachers with the education of all students. Lord, increase the capacity of students to learn, comprehend and excel in all subjects including reading, mathematics, sciences, and the arts. Holy Spirit, like Jesus, help each student to continually grow in wisdom and stature and favor with You and all people. We pray for healthy relationships between all educators and students. Holy Spirit, touch the hearts of our students to make good choices that honor God and not compromise their futures.

Righteous Father, please forgive all educators and students of their acts of sinfulness. Forgive those educators who show favoritism. Forgive those educators who work primarily for a paycheck rather than the welfare of their students. Forgive those who have tainted other people's perception of education through their acts of ungodliness. Forgive the nations of the world for the too often inadequate compensation allotted to professional educators. Forgive students who do not respect their teachers. Please forgive all teachers and students for not putting You first in all they do. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our 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 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 to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, You sit in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations. We praise Your great and awesome Name. Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your Name? You alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship before You; for Your righteous deeds have been revealed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text (NKJV & NLT): Genesis 1:26, 28, Matthew 6:9, Jeremiah 51:15, Psalm 27:1, I Thessalonians 5:18, Proverbs 3:13-14, Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 13:14, Mark 4:35-39, Luke 2:52, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 99:2-3, Revelation 15:3-4

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