

A Back-to-School Prayer

Our Father, we praise and thank You for our educators and students. Thank You for each school and school district. Thank You for surrounding each educator and student with favor like a shield. 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 righteousness is like the mighty mountains and Your justice like the ocean depths. As a Church family, 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.

Triumphant Father, we confess that like Jesus, our students will grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with You and all people. We declare that they will focus on their studies during the school term and not grow distracted or complacent. Each student will work willingly in their classes as though they were working for You. Lord, we declare that no evil will conquer them, nor will any plague come near their homes. We expect for You to order Your angels to protect them wherever they go. We decree that the wisdom of God will enter and rule in their hearts. We confess that they will respect and obey the instructions of their parents, teachers, and school administrators. We declare that the wise instruction of the teachers will be like a life-giving fountain to each student. In Jesus' name, each parent will direct their children onto the right path, and when they are older they will not leave it. Our students will have good success because they will meditate daily and obey Your Word.

Holy Spirit, impart into our students Your spirit of excellence, like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. Bless our educators for their service to the Houston community and surrounding communities. Help them to remain committed to their educational "calling." Keep them safe in their classrooms and lead and guide them as they teach. Grant each teacher wisdom, creativity, and grace to teach each child according to his or her needs, level of intelligence, and learning capabilities. Increase the wisdom and understanding of each parent on how to partner with the schools to achieve success in their student's education. Bless the homes of each student to be a place of love, peace and support. We ask You to increase the capacity of the students to learn, comprehend, and excel in all areas of their education and all required testing. During their extracurricular activities, please protect them from injury. Help each student to develop Godly friendships this school year. Holy Spirit, create within each student, teacher, and administrator an excitement, passion and academic desire as they enter the new school year.

Merciful Father, forgive the sins of our educators and students (**list the specific sins**). Forgive those of us in the Body of Christ, for being negligent in teaching our students to first reverence You, which is the foundation of true knowledge. Forgive those parents for sacrificing their students to excessive television, video games, music, and to the ways and customs of the world. Forgive us, as a nation, for devaluing the worth of teachers and education. Lord, forgive me for (**list any sins that you have committed**). Holy Spirit, remind our educators and students of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive.

Holy Spirit, help our educators and students not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Exalted 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, Psalm36:5-6, Psalm 47:1-2, Psalm 5:12, Luke 2:52, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 91:10-11, Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 13:14, Proverbs 22:6, Joshua 1:8, Daniel 1:17, Proverbs 1:7, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 4:11

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