

Praying
GOD'S PLAN
for your
SCHOOL

A Student's Prayer Guide

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A PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF MY SCHOOL TO GOD

I dedicate my school, its campus, the buildings, the students, my friends and the faculty to Your purposes, God. I firmly declare that Jesus Christ is Lord over my school and there is no other God over _____ School but You. I invite Your Holy Spirit to rule and reign over this campus now and for the entire school year. I declare that the peace and presence of God will permeate the halls, classrooms, library, sports fields, gymnasium, offices, and every building on my campus.

May the atmosphere of the school be permeated with Your Spirit of salvation, repentance, revival, and renewal for every student, teacher, principal, parent, and worker in my school now and every day throughout the school year.

I dedicate my school as a place of safety with an environment conducive to learning and growing in godly character. From this place may leaders, like Moses, Joshua, Joseph, Daniel, Ruth and Esther arise going into all sectors of society to contend for truth and justice.

A Prayer of Personal Surrender:

Father, I know that You have given me a call to influence my school and I accept it as my mission field. I receive that call with gratitude and a sense of responsibility. You have plans for this school and I believe you have plans for me. Help me to see my friends, my peers, my teachers, and the school administrators through Your eyes. Give me courage to step out in the ways You are calling me. Grant me the strength to keep my heart and mind pure; focused on You above all the noise of day-to-day circumstances, trials, and temptations. I now avail myself to Your greater purposes and plans for my school and my sphere of influence.

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Praying Biblical Declarations over the Campus:

- Lord, shine your light upon my school and drive out all darkness [spiritual blindness, perversion of truth, and hostilities toward You] (*Ephesians 6: 18-20*).
- I declare that by the power of Jesus Christ this campus is a suicide, drug, and promiscuity free zone! Spirits of death, depression, oppression, and hopelessness have no place on this campus, in Jesus' Name. I declare that students will be filled with God's life and truth and will walk in His ways (*Colossians 1:13*).
- Mighty God, in Jesus' Name, I declare that ungodly gangs, crime, violence and all other illegal activities will have no place within the boundaries of my school or this neighborhood (*Isaiah 60:18*).
- Father God, be exalted in my school. Release Your salvation to permeate every person that comes upon this campus (*Matt. 9:37-38*). Raise up strong and godly leadership within all the campus clubs in my school. Bless my school's Christian club and cause Your Kingdom to be advanced in and through it! Advance Christian prayer on this campus and open doors of opportunity to creatively share the gospel (*1 Corinthians 16:9; Ephesians 6:18-20*).

Praying for Students:

- **Spiritual Hunger:** Heavenly Father, give each student a desire to seek after You and to know You. Draw each one to Yourself and cause every heart to be receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Create a hunger and thirst for Your truth and righteousness (*Deuteronomy 6:5; Acts 2:38-40; Isaiah 44:3*).
- **Relationships:** Guide students to make wise decisions in choosing friends and relationships with their peers. Keep them from destructive relationships that would bring them harm and would lead them away from Your will (*Proverbs 1:4-5*).

- **Protection:** Protect students' hearts from the wounds of rejection and mistreatment from peers. Bring alongside students godly people who will love and respect them unconditionally (*John 13:34; Romans 15:7*). Surround them with your protection as they participate in school activities and sports. Keep them safe as they travel to and from school and during weekend activities (*Psalms 91*).
- **Desire to Learn:** Give students a desire to learn; motivate them to do their best and to be responsible in their schoolwork. Help them lay a good foundation for their future in education and career. Help every student achieve his/her goals and to pursue their God-given dreams (*Proverbs 2; 9:10; Luke 2:52*).
- **Success in School:** Father God, I pray that You would guide the steps of all students to the classes and teachers where they will best prosper. Send godly people into their lives who will encourage them to stay in school and be diligent in their studies. Protect students from distractions that would draw them away from You and the career path You have for them. Give grace also to those students who are having difficulty in school. Guide their parents and teachers in how to best help them learn and succeed (*1Thessalonians 5:14*). Father God, help those who struggle with balancing a job with school attendance and course work. Help students manage their time and priorities and develop good study habits for a lifetime.
- **Purity:** Oh, Lord, give students an understanding of the purpose of life and its sacredness as You have designed it. Give each one a tender conscience and a strong conviction of right and wrong. I pray young men and women will respect and honor their own bodies and not succumb to worldly lusts and desires (*Proverbs 3:7; Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:2*).

- **Purpose and Destiny:** God of Creation, place in students an understanding of Your will and destiny for their lives. Instill in their hearts that You have a purpose and a future for them that brings godly fulfillment, prosperity and a sense of well-being. Instill hope in students and reveal to them that regardless of their past, You have a plan for them that leads to life and fullness of joy (*Colossians 1:9-11; Jeremiah 29:11*).

Praying for Student Leaders:

- Father God, raise up gifted student leaders who serve as examples in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity to all in their school. Empower them to live as role models of godliness, truth and justice. Enable them to walk in integrity and honesty (*Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Timothy 4:12*).
- Give student leaders boldness to defend the weak and hurting and to speak out for what is right. Raise up young Joshua's and Esther's who will lead their classmates in paths of righteousness (*Joshua 1:7*).

Praying for Hurting, Underprivileged, and Abused Students:

- Merciful Lord, I hold before You the youth who are homeless and need shelter, food, clothing and health care. I pray for those who lack provision for their tuition, books, and school supplies. Raise up caring Christians who will seek out and serve the needs of these students (*Psalms 107:41*).
- I call out to You, Lord, to provide godly help and counsel for those who live in difficult family situations. Lead students to find healthy Christian friendships and receive compassion from their teachers and classmates.

- Rescue those students who are being emotionally, physically, or sexually abused. Send them wise and safe Christian counselors to talk to and receive healing and deliverance from their pain and bondage (*Isaiah 19:20*).

Praying for Families:

- Gracious Father, bring health and stability to the families of students. Lead them to discover biblical principles for life and relationship. Cause strong and godly family values to be honored and promoted in our schools.
- Lead the parents of students to get involved in their children's lives and schools and put the best interest of their children above their own.
- Heal broken relationships in students' families. I ask You to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow (*Malachi 4:6*).
- Father, let all bitterness, rebellion, and offense be taken from the hearts of students toward their parents, and toward those in authority. Heal them and restore honor and love in their hearts for those in leadership in their lives (*Malachi 4:6*).

Praying for Teachers and Principals:

- Wise and Gracious Father, raise up teachers and staff who are dedicated to their work and walk in integrity and the fear of God. Raise up those who would honor You in every way and walk worthy of the purposes to which You have called them (*Colossians 1:9-10*).
- Draw our teachers into prayer for guidance and wisdom before they begin instructing each day (*Proverbs 2:3-6*). Enable them to pass on a spirit of excellence and to require excellence in their classroom.

- Give our teachers creative ideas to make learning exciting and their subject matter easy to understand. Instill a spirit of peace, cooperation, and mutual respect between students and their teachers.
- I ask, Lord, that open positions at our schools be filled by men and women with godly principles and values who will provide good role models to their students.
- Encourage our teachers and give them perseverance that they will not grow weary in well-doing; instill in them a commitment to excellence and discipline that will not wane during the course of the school year.
- God, I hold before you my principal and the teachers of my school and thank You for them. Bless them, strengthen them, and protect them. Send people into their lives who will undergird and support them and Your purposes in their lives.

Praying for School Boards:

- Holy God, raise up godly leaders to serve on our school boards and in the administration of our schools. Set into position men and women with integrity and purity of heart. Grant favor and wisdom to these leaders as they walk in the fear of the Lord (*1 Timothy 2:1*).
- I pray for qualified and godly leaders to serve on textbook committees who will select curriculum that preserves our godly heritage as a nation. I pray for the selection of textbooks that present biblically-based values to students and help guide them down a path that leads to life and blessings.
- I hold before you our school superintendent and school board members, asking that You lead and guide them in setting fair policies that protect the safety, well-being and religious rights of students and teachers.

Praying for Partnering Churches:

- Heavenly Father, raise up faithful believers to partner with local schools in caring for the needs of students and their families. May Your Church shine brightly and glorify God in our school through unprecedented acts of love, service, and kindness.
- Lord, I ask that You speak to me about anything You would have me pray or do to further practically engage with public schools.

PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

For Honesty and Integrity

- God, I pray that integrity and uprightness would protect me from the hypocrisy of claiming one belief and living another. Help me live an integral life pleasing to You (*Ps 25:21*).

Mercy

- God, help me to be merciful, compassionate, and forgiving toward my peers, my family, and my leaders (*Luke 6:36*).

Honor and Respect

- God, give me a heart of honor and respect towards those in authority over me. Help me to see the authority and responsibility that You Yourself have placed on them (*1 Peter 2:17*).

Justice

- Father, give me Your heart of justice. May I love justice and righteousness as You do. You are just because You are holy (*Ps. 11:7*).

Purity

- Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me (*Ps. 51:10*).

Strong Mind

- Father, I thank You that You have not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. I ask today that You would freshly release grace to enable me to live in that manner (*2 Tim. 1:7*).

Courage

- God, I ask that You would empower me like Joshua to be bold and courageous as an influencer for You and Your glory. Help me take a bold stance as a believer in every situation where You lead me (*Joshua 1:9*).

Love for God's Word

- Lord, help my to hide Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Help me to value Your Word more than silver or fine gold. Give me a deep hunger and desire to know You and Your Word. (*Ps. 119:11;72*).

Passion

- God, I acknowledge that You are like an all-consuming fire and a fierce lion. Give me a heart to run hard after You all the days of my life (*Hebrews 12:29, Revelations 5:5*).

Hope

- “For in You, O LORD, I hope, You I will hear, O Lord my God” (*Psalms 38:15*)
- Lord, I thank You that my help comes from You, — the Maker of heaven and earth. I receive the peace and inner assurance that come from knowing You are indeed with me and that You are my keeper (*Ps. 121:1-8*).

Stress

- God, You said in Your Word that I could come to You with my burdens when I am weary and that You would give me rest. I give You my burdens, anxieties, and all stress, and now ask for the peace and rest that come only from You (*Mt. 11:28-30*).

Wisdom

- Father, I come to You asking for Your wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy, and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Cause me to understand the fear of the Lord and find the true knowledge of God (*James 3:17; Prov. 2:5*).

Encouragement and Strength

- God, I thank You that You give me power when I am weak and when I have no might You increase my strength. I thank You that as I look to and wait upon You that You renew my strength and cause me to mount up on wings like eagles, to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint. I receive and believe those promises for my life today (*Isaiah 40:29-31*).

Influence and Blessing

- God, I call out to You that You would bless me and enlarge my borders (*sphere of influence*), that Your hand would be with me in all that I do, and that You would keep me from evil (*1 Chronicles 4:9-11*).

Direction

- Cause Your Word to be a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and allow me to perceive Your perfect will for my life that I may walk in it. Align my desires and passions with Your own (*Ps. 119:105, Phil. 2:13*).

Truth and Discernment

- “Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation...” (*Ps. 25:5*).

- Reveal truth to me and allow no deception to come to me. Protect my mind, will, and emotions from manipulation, deception, and half-truths. May I be prepared and equipped by Your truth to face every obstacle that may come my way (*John 14:6,17;15:26*).
- Lord, I ask that You help me to assimilate all the subject matter and information that I am learning in school and hearing from my peers and to filter it through a biblical worldview. Help me to see things the way You do. Strengthen my mind with Your truth.

Protection

- Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress; You are my God in whom I trust. You are the One who delivers me from the snares of life and covers me with Your protection. May Your truth be my shield and my buckler. Because I love You, You have promised to deliver me. Because I call out to You, You have promised to answer me and be with me in trouble (*Ps. 91:2-4,14-15*).

Provision

- God, I thank You that You supply all of my needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. As I seek You and Your righteousness, I thank You that all my needs are supplied. Give me grace to set You as my first priority and to make You the center of my life, both today and forever more (*Phil. 4:19, Mt. 5:33*).

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