

10 BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

1. A Prayer for Protection

"The Lord will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:7-8)

We pray as our children head back to school that God will keep them from all harm and watch over their lives. We pray for Him to watch over their coming and going, to graciously be with and protect each child this school year.

2. A Prayer for Diligence

"The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor." (Proverbs 12:24)

We pray that our children will approach this school year with diligence. May God give them the strength they need to work hard at their studies and every task given to them over the course of the year. We ask God to grant them not only knowledge through their efforts but also help them to grow in their wisdom.

3. A Prayer for Kindness

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

We pray that God would give our children, our children's teachers, peers, and others they interact with the ability to treat others with kindness. We ask Him to fill their school and classroom with tenderness and give each person in their community the ability to forgive easily.

4. A Prayer for Joy

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

We pray that God will fill our children with His joy as they begin a new year of learning! May He help them to find joy in their studies and interaction with their teachers and peers at school. May they be filled with wonder as they learn more about this world God has created and know God better through their studies.

5. A Prayer for Strength

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

We pray that God will help our children to be strong and courageous as they tackle a new school year! We ask that He take from them any dread, anxiety, or grief that may want to steal their joy, and remind them daily that He is with them.

May they know that God will never leave them, and He will give them the strength they need to walk through each day.

6. A Prayer for Friendship

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

We pray for God to bring friends into each child's life that would build them up and that would encourage them in their faith walk. We ask God to help them to be wise in the friendships that they choose to invest their time and energy into.

7. A Prayer for Balance

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

We pray for God to help our children to find balance as they begin a new routine over the course of the school year. May He help them to wisely choose how to spend their time. We ask God to give them the discernment to make room in their life for schoolwork, rest, friends, fun, and the other activities that they choose to pursue, and most importantly, develop their spiritual relationship with Him.

8. A Prayer for Wisdom

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

We pray for our children to not only be filled with new knowledge but also would gain the wisdom that comes from God. We ask God to give them a heart that desires to know Him and to follow His ways. We pray that God will work every experience they have for their good and protect them from the ideas in this world that would seek to confuse and entrap them.

9. A Prayer for Love

"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings." (Psalm 36:7)

We pray that God will show each child how much He loves them this year and speak into their heart the value that they have as His precious creation. May they grow to be secure in their identity as a child of God. When they need it, we ask Him to cover them in the shadow of His wings.

10. A Prayer for Fun

"A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed." (Proverbs 15:13)

We ask God that our children's school year would be filled with sweet memories that they will cherish for their lifetimes. May He infuse their days with fun that will keep them filled with joy as they grow and learn and give them a cheerful face that is contagious as they walk through this school year.