

30 Days of Prayer for Back-to-School

The start of a new school year brings new routines, new challenges, and new opportunities. As parents, one of the best things we can do is cover our children—and those who teach and care for them—in prayer. This 30-day prayer guide is designed to help you intentionally lift up students, teachers, and school staff each day, asking God for protection, wisdom, and guidance throughout the year.



My hope is that these daily prayers will bring you peace, strengthen your trust in God's care, and remind you that He is watching over your children—even when you're not there.

1. A Strong Start

Pray for a smooth, peaceful, and organized start to the school year.

Verse: Proverbs 16:3

2. Safety at School

Pray for God's protection over students and staff throughout each school day.

Verse: Psalm 121:7–8

3. Safety in Travel

Pray for protection while traveling to and from school each day.

Verse: Psalm 4:8

4. Teachers

Pray for teachers to have wisdom, patience, and strength in their work.

Verse: James 1:5

5. School Staff

Pray for administrators, aides, and all school employees as they serve students.

Verse: Colossians 3:23

6. Bus Drivers

Pray for bus drivers to be alert, safe, and patient as they transport students.

Verse: Psalm 32:8

7. Focus and Learning

Pray that students will be attentive and grow in knowledge and understanding.

Verse: Proverbs 2:6

8. Diligence

Pray that students will work hard and do their best in all they are given.

Verse: Colossians 3:23

9. Godly Friendships

Pray that students will form friendships that encourage what is right.

Verse: Proverbs 13:20

10. Kindness

Pray that students will treat others with kindness and compassion.

Verse: Ephesians 4:32

11. Respect for Authority

Pray that students will respect teachers and those in authority.

Verse: Romans 13:1

12. Courage to Do Right

Pray that students will choose what is right, even when it is difficult.

Verse: Joshua 1:9

13. Sharing Their Faith

Pray that students will not be ashamed of their faith and will live it out boldly.

Verse: Romans 1:16

14. Guarded Hearts and Minds

Pray that students will focus on what is true, pure, and honorable.

Verse: Philippians 4:8

15. Protection from Negative Influences

Pray that students will not be led astray by harmful influences.

Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:33

16. Bullying (Protection and Compassion)

Pray for protection from bullying and for hearts of compassion toward others.

Verse: Luke 6:31

17. For Those Who Bully

Pray that those who hurt others will be convicted, changed, and shown Christ's love.

Verse: Ezekiel 36:26

18. Emotional Well-Being

Pray for peace, confidence, and emotional strength throughout the school year.

Verse: Philippians 4:7

19. Identity in Christ

Pray that students will find their identity in Christ, not in others' opinions.

Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

20. Protection from Anxiety

Pray that students will bring their worries to God.

Verse: 1 Peter 5:7

21. Integrity

Pray that students will be honest and do what is right, even when no one is watching.

Verse: Proverbs 10:9

22. Wise Decisions

Pray that students will make wise choices in their actions and friendships.

Verse: James 1:5

23. Teachers' Encouragement

Pray that teachers will encourage and uplift their students.

Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

24. Classroom Environment

Pray for classrooms to be places of peace, respect, and effective learning.

Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:33

25. Protection from Harm

Pray for protection from any danger or harm at school.

Verse: Psalm 46:1

26. Physical Health

Pray for strength, energy, and health throughout the school year.

Verse: 3 John 1:2

27. Perseverance

Pray that students will not give up when school feels difficult.

Verse: Galatians 6:9

28. Gratitude

Pray that students will be thankful for the opportunity to learn.

Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

29. Light to Others

Pray that students will reflect Christ in their words and actions.

Verse: Matthew 5:16

30. Trusting God Each Day

Pray that students will walk daily in trust and dependence on the Lord.

Verse: Proverbs 3:5–6