



Day 1: Today We Pray for Teachers.

Holy God,

As our teachers receive and prepare for students this week and this year, we pray that you would give them a vision of what their classrooms could be. We pray that when they see their homeroom, they might also see their mission field.

As the year progresses and the expectations and demands increase, Lord, give our teachers the energy to accomplish the tasks at hand and not lose sight of relationship-building with their students. Protect our teachers from burnout and give them joy in their profession.

We pray for creativity and insight for our teachers as they approach their lessons and plan their accommodations so that each student is engaged and understood in the learning process. May they have as much fun teaching as the students will have as they experience each lesson so lovingly put together for them.

Help our teachers to implement their lessons and learning strategies with excellence, knowing that it is too big a task to do on their own and that they need your guidance, God, and their co-worker's ideas and strengths to create the best of all possible learning outcomes.

May our teachers be seen and supported by their administrators and may our local churches step up to help minister to the needs of students and faculties in our communities.

Finally, we pray that our teachers might know and experience your love and salvation. If there are those who don't know you as their Savior, Jesus please nudge Christian colleagues to have boldness in their witness for you.

We ask these things in the name of The Great Teacher, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Day 2: Today We Pray for Teacher's Assistants and Bus Drivers

Heavenly Father,

Today we lift up the support staff at our local schools. For every teacher assistant, bus driver, custodian, tutor, and cafeteria employee we give you praise.

For the teaching assistant, Lord we pray that they might be loving and be loved. We know, Lord, that assistants fill in the gaps and give support to the lead teacher, but we also know that for some students, the T.A. is "their person." We thank you Jesus for the assistants who keep an eye out for the struggling student, and for those who come behind and help to reinforce not only key concepts but also help students organize and even control themselves at times. They are the hand that is held and the wiper of tears when the classroom becomes overwhelming for students with special needs and special home situations. We pray for extra measures of grace and patience for them as they serve as the glue that often holds together the classroom.

For bus drivers, we pray for your safety and protection. Guide their movements and decisions as they transport every family's most precious cargo. We pray for peace on their buses and calm and well-behaved students. As they are often the first and last encounter with the school that a child has every day, may our drivers consciously seek to make those moments count for your kingdom and make the ride to and from school a place of safety and support.

We ask these things in the name of the one who will wipe every tear from every eye, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Day Three: Today We Pray For Custodians, Cafeteria Staff, and Librarians

Holy God,

We pray that our school custodians and groundskeepers may know how vitally important their positions are to the ability of every school to function. Thank you Jesus for their servant's hearts that allow them to do the unglamorous work behind the scenes that is so critically important.

We thank you for the custodians who are the students' friends and for those who go out of their way to check in on students and to be a positive support in their lives. For every high five given and trash bag collected, Jesus, we give you praise. Bless our custodial staff with the energy to do their jobs well and help them to be appreciated and supported in their schools.

For the cafeteria staff, we pray for a sense of mission as they serve nutritious meals to children. We know that for some students, the meals they receive at school are their only meals of the day. May every meal be served with loving kindness and empathy for the hungry child. We thank you for our cafeteria staff's willingness to show up so early to school so that children can have a healthy start to their days. As they wipe tables, mop spills, and prepare every meal, help them to know that they are helping solve the problem of child hunger in their schools every day and that is a huge ministry.

For our often-overlooked librarians, we thank you for their ability to inspire a love of reading. When the world is more and more technologically driven we thank you that there are librarians who put books in children's hands and read them stories that inspire imaginations and creativity as well as bring to light all the possibilities for exploration of the world around them. We pray that you help them to continually understand how much their work inspires how our children see the world around them.

We pray all this in the name of He who washed his disciples' feet and fed the five thousand, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Day Four: Today We Pray For Administrators and Guidance Counselors

Eternal Father,

Thank you for school administrators who work all year long to ensure the best possible learning environment for teachers and staff. We know that their days are full of endless decisions that affect so many people. Jesus, give them wisdom and clarity in their decision-making process as they blaze the path for the rest of the school to travel.

For those who must be disciplinarians, help them to be kind, firm, and fair, looking toward the best interest of both the teacher and child. Help our administrators to have high standards and expectations but also give them the support and means to walk beside their staff and students to reach success.

We pray as well for our school guidance counselors. Thank you Jesus for those who are willing to be a listening ear to the hurts of students and staff. Give them wisdom as they counsel and prepare students for success in the classroom and in life.

Please guide our counselors as they teach children how to navigate big emotions and as they work with increasingly anxiety-ridden student bodies. With 1 in 12 children and 1 in 4 adolescents experiencing diagnosed anxiety disorders, may our guidance counselors provide safe spaces for students to unpack the burdens of life and give them wisdom as they try to direct them in positive life directions.

We pray these things in the name of our Comforter and Counselor, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Day 5: Today We Pray for Our Students

Jesus, Father to All,

Today we pray for all students from preschool through college. As our students begin this new school year, Lord create a hedge of protection around our campuses. Be with the school liaison officers and campus security officers as they guard and protect our students' lives.

For the kindergarteners who are walking through the doors for their first days and weeks of school, Jesus calm their little hearts and open their minds to new routines and ideas.

We pray that our children may learn all that they need to be successful in life and that you might also guard their innocence at home and school. May they navigate life's challenges with resilience and may your hand of guidance and love be upon them at all times. Help them to have good friends and be good friends, but also be mindful that their choices and actions are a reflection of their faith.

For our high schoolers, Jesus, we pray that you give them the strength to stand firm in their beliefs and to live out their faith daily. As they make choices about their paths in school and life, please give them clarity and calm. Help them to know that they don't have to have it all figured out, but you do Jesus.

For the student athlete, we pray an extra measure of protection from injury so that they may run the race or play the game set before them with excellence.

May all of our children be curious, kind, lifelong learners, and Holy God, may they change the world in the kind of positive ways that past generations could not. May you bring revival to this generation and may we all stand in awe of the ways that you will use them for your kingdom work.

We ask all these things in the name of the one who called the little children unto himself, Jesus Christ.

Amen

