

The following is intended to be a guide for prayer. Please use what applies and adapt to your desire for use. Personalize your prayer with names and use daily. Post a copy of the prayer on your fridge, near the coffee pot, in the car for when you take a child to school, or as you think is most helpful.



- You do not have to *hide* the fact that you pray for your child.
- Feel free to occasionally pray *with* your child so that they may know that they are prayed for.
- Place a note or card where they can find it during the day. Add a scripture verse for encouragement.



Blessing By The Parent...

Father, I thank you for the gift of my *son/daughter*. Bless *him/her* as *he/she* begins this day of school. I pray the following...

- ... that *he/she* knows that I love *him/her* and that you love *him/her* too.
- ... that *he/she* will be a good listener today as is needed .
- ... that *he/she* will speak words of love and respect for self and others.
- ... that an increase will take place today in both character and knowledge.
- ... that your protection will be evident and sure.
- ... that I, as a parent, will not take you or my child for granted.

This I pray, in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted for the occasional overnight guest...

Father, I thank you for the opportunity to host *boy/girl* in my home. Bless *him/her* as *he/she* begins this day of school. I pray the following...

- ... that *he/she* knows that *he/she* is loved and that you love *him/her* too.
- ... that *he/she* will be a good listener today as is needed .
- ... that *he/she* will speak words of love and respect for self and others.
- ... that increase today will take place in both character and knowledge.
- ... that your protection will be evident and sure.
- ... that *his/her* family will not take you or this child for granted.

This I pray, in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for a Teacher...

Lord, I pray today for *teacher*, a teacher of my child. Bless *him/her* as *he/she* begins this day of school. I pray the following...

- ... that *he/she* will feel today your calling to the task of teaching.
- ... that *he/she* will be a good listener today as is needed .
- ... that *he/she* will speak words of love and respect for self and others.
- ... that *he/she* will have clear discernment for the day.
- ... that your protection will be evident and sure.
- ... that *he/she* will not take you or any child for granted.
- ... that *he/she* will know your blessing and my appreciation.

This I pray, in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Student's Beginning of School Prayer...

We give you praise, O God,
for everything that is new and beautiful,
for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.
Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers
Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.
May we show love to one another and to all.
May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again
and again.
Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.
Help us to learn and to work together.
Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak,
and when it is better not to speak.
We thank you for our friends
Help us to be good friends this year.
Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.
Bless our school and keep us safe.
Be with us as we travel each day.
Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.
Bless all those who care for us, in school and at home.
Help us show our care for them and to say thank you and love you when we need to. Amen.

A Student's Daily Prayer...

Loving Father, I stand before you in the midst of confusion and complexities of life.
My future sometimes seems distant and unknown.
Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path you set before me.
Grant me the courage to follow your way, that through the gifts and talents you have given me,
I may bring your life and your love to others.
I ask this through Jesus, your Son and my Companion. Amen.

A Historical Prayer to be used by everyone...

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

(Prayer of Saint Francis)