

SEVEN PRAYERS

FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

1

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

Almighty God, thank You for being all-powerful and for caring about my child. I pray for their safety during this school year. Protect them from negative friendships and bullies in their school. I ask that You be their Shield and Defender. I also pray that you would protect my child and their school against outside intruders who want to cause harm. Destroy the schemes and plans of the enemy and render him powerless to harm my kids. Cover my children and stepchildren with Your hedge of protection. Guard their hearts and minds today. Amen.

2

A PRAYER FOR GODLY FRIENDS

God, Your Word says that bad company corrupts good morals and that unreliable friends lead to ruin, so I pray that You would give my children and stepchildren good and godly friendships. May they understand how much their friends influence them. Help them develop connections with other kids who will encourage them, support them, and help them in difficult seasons. Keep negative relationships from taking root in their lives, and allow my children and grandchildren to be a positive influence on their friends and classmates. Amen.

3

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Prince of Peace, thank You for making it possible for my children and stepchildren to experience the peace that passes understanding. As they face a new school year, I pray that You would replace their anxiety and worry with peace. May they sense Your presence with them as they take tests, compete in athletic events, meet new people, and step outside of their comfort zone. When they feel anxious or scared, help them remember that You will care for them in every situation they face. Amen.

4

A PRAYER FOR LEARNING

God, You created my children and stepchildren uniquely and wonderfully. Each of them learns and absorbs information differently because you made them with their distinct set of skills and aptitudes. I pray for their minds, that You would allow them to remember the material they need to learn. I pray for their attention spans, and that You would help to focus on what their teachers want them to learn. Give them a lifelong love for learning that sparks curiosity and propels them toward excellence. Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR DIFFICULT SUBJECTS

Almighty God of the Universe, You created all things and You hold all things together. You created my children and stepchildren with cognitive strengths and weaknesses. Some subjects will come easily for them. Others will be difficult for them to grasp. As they face challenging concepts, I pray that You would give them tools to aid in their learning. Give their teachers patience and a willingness to go the extra mile to help my children and stepchildren comprehend and assimilate what they are learning. Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR CONFIDENCE

God, as my children and stepchildren step into new classrooms and schools, I pray that You would give them confidence in who they are and what they are capable of doing. I pray that they would give themselves the freedom to make mistakes and the willingness to ask for help when they need it. Help them to understand that their performance at school does not define their value or worth, and allow them to feel Your love and delight for them. Amen.

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A PRAYER FOR FAVOR

Heavenly Father, thank You for my children and stepchildren. I thank You for the joy they bring other people, including me. I pray that You would grant them favor with their teachers and school administrators. May my children and stepchildren demonstrate respect to the adults who lead, supervise, and teach them. May those adults see the good qualities in my kids and step-kids and reward them when they put forth effort in their school work and in being a positive example to their peers. Amen.