

As the school year starts, we encourage you to pray these 8 prayers over your children.

A Prayer for GENERAL FEAR – Isaiah 41:10 "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged for I am your God."

Heavenly Father, may my child not fear, for you are with them. As I place my children in your mighty, loving hands, give me peace, knowing that you are right by their side. Please replace their fears with the strength and courage to face whatever the day brings. Give my children a real sense that Jesus is with them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Prayer for KIDS STRUGGLING IN SCHOOL – Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

Heavenly Father, I pray that my child will know that you are with him. May he rest in your promise that you will take hold of his hand and say to him, "Do not fear; I will help you." May the security of your words reassure him as he struggles with his studies. When he calls on you, give him clarity of mind. Call to his mind all that he has studied. Protect him from discouragement. Grant him your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen. A Prayer for CONFORMITY TO PEER

PRESSURE – Romans 12:2 "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

Heavenly Father, protect my children from the negative pressures placed upon them by their peers. When they are tempted to compromise who they are to be liked, please give them the strength to not give in. Help my child remember they are not called to conform to the world and its patterns. Stir within them a desire to become transformed by Your Word. Please give them the courage to say no when they need to positively influence those around them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Prayer to PROTECT FROM HARM -

Psalm 91:11 "God will order his angels to protect you wherever you go."

Heavenly Father, I ask that you place your angels around my children. Protect them wherever they go. Please help them make the right choices about things they should and shouldn't do. May they find comfort in knowing that your angels are with them to guide and protect them. In Jesus' name, Amen. A Prayer for BULLYING – Isaiah 19:20 "When the people cry to the Lord for help against those who oppress them, he will send them a savior who will rescue them."

Heaven Father, I pray for you to protect my children from bullies. I pray you will guard them against these attacks, both online and offline. When a bully does come their way, please give them the wisdom to know the right thing to do and provide them with the strength to follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Prayer for GENEROSITY – 1 Timothy 6:18-19 "Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others."

Heavenly Father, help me teach my children to be good stewards of the resources they have been given. Help them see the importance and value of placing others needs before their own. Give them a caring heart for those who are less fortunate. May they learn the value of storing up treasures in Heaven and holding material possessions loosely. In Jesus' name, Amen. A Prayer for HUMILITY – Philippians 2:3-4 "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves."

Heavenly Father, purify my children's hearts and minds, so their actions never come from pride, anger, or bitterness. Help them bring to the cross their desire to do things out of selfish ambitions. I pray that they would desire to imitate you, Lord. Help them walk in a spirit of humility, regarding others as more important than them. Help them see the needs of those around them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Prayer for FRIENDS – Psalm 1:1-2 "Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, the sinners, and mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord."

Heavenly Father, I pray my child finds friends who delight in your law and that they also delight in living according to your ways. Please give them the wisdom and strength to not follow this world's influences that would draw them away from you. Guide my children to relationships that draw them closer to you. Lead my children to seek you with a pure heart so they will prosper. In Jesus' name, Amen.