

Pray For Our Schools - Jacksonville

This is a prayer *guide*. It is intended only as a guide and nothing more. If you so choose, use it to prompt you as you pray for our schools and schoolchildren. There is no obligation to use it. Do not let it limit your response to God's inner promptings as you pray.

Putting on the Armor Prayer

Lord God Jehovah, Captain of Lord's Host, I come before You today to prepare for battle. Under Your supervision I have come to put on the whole Armor of God.

The Belt of Truth: Thank you, my Lord, for showing me the *truth* about yourself. Thank you for reminding me that You are the only God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the King of the universe, my Father who loves me, and my Shepherd who leads me. You are my wisdom, my counselor, my hope, and my strength. You are everything I need each day.

The Breastplate of Righteousness: Thank you for showing me the truth about myself – that on my own I could never be good enough to live in your presence. Thank you for taking my sins to the cross and offering me your *righteous life*. Lord, show me any sin that I need to confess right now, so that nothing will hinder me from being filled to overflowing with your Spirit. Thank you for forgiving me and for filling me with your righteous life.

The Sandals of Peace: Thank you for the *peace* you give me when I trust you and follow you. Show me how to help others find that peace.

The Shield of Faith: Thank you for helping me have *faith* in you. I choose to count on everything you have shown me about yourself – and everything you have promised me in your Word.

The Helmet of Salvation: Thank you for promising me *salvation* both for today's battles and for all eternity.

The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God: Thank you for the *scriptures* you have given me to memorize. Please show me which ones(s) you want me to use to cut through deceptions and gain your victory in any battle I may face today.

Now Lord, I am ready for battle. You have equipped me to fully engage our enemy. You are my Jehovah-Nissi, my banner of Victory. You Lord, are before me, behind me, and on every side of me, to constantly remind me that the victory is the Lord's. I shall declare it and walk in it today. AMEN!!

Praying For the Teachers

SALVATION:

Father, it is our desire that every teacher in Jacksonville would come into a personal relationship with You through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that You would grant every teacher of _____ school, who does not know You, the gift of repentance and the faith necessary to trust in You alone for their salvation. Empower each one of them to turn to You in genuine faith, and receive the forgiveness that You offer so freely (John 3:15-18, 6:44; Acts 4:12, 17:30-31).

BOLDNESS:

Father God, bless those teachers and administrators at _____ school, who do know You, the courage to fulfill their role as ambassadors to Your kingdom. Provide them the grace and power necessary to truly be the beacon of righteousness lighting a path for each student and teacher in this school. Teach them to speak with prudent boldness as they depend on Your Spirit's leading. (Prov. 28:1; Matt. 5:13-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8, 4:31).

TRUTH:

Father of all truth, we ask that You would be known as the source of all truth throughout the schools in our city. Place your truth into the hearts of all the teachers of _____ school. Give them a hunger to know and teach the truth, while empowering the students with the ability to receive it. As alternatives to your truth are presented, grant the teachers discernment as to how to properly handle any lie that comes against the knowledge of Your truth. (Prov. 22:17; John 18:38).

WISDOM:

Father, bless the teachers of _____ school with the wisdom to know how to reach and teach each student. Grant them Your insight into the individual learning needs. Open their eyes to the many different ways each student can be trained, encouraged, and taught the discipline of learning. Grant them special insight into the needs of any disruptive children, filling these teachers with the compassion to effectually deal with them. (Prov. 2:6; James 1:5; Prov. 22:15).

Praying For the Students

SALVATION:

Lord God, We lift up every child in our Jacksonville schools who does not know you. We pray that you would reveal your love and power to each one individually at _____ school. . Invite each one to know you and grant also the power to turn to you and away from all sin and unrighteousness. Open the eyes of their heart to see you as you truly are in the fullness of Your glory. Encourage those that do know you to boldly speak the truth. (Eph. 1:18, 1Tim. 2:4)

RELATIONSHIPS:

Father God, we ask that You would help the students of _____ school to develop healthy relationships with each other. Bless them with compassion, respect, and understanding for one another. Set them free from any unhealthy relationships that would lead away from the knowledge of You. Empower the youths who know you to lead out by example. (Ex. 20:12-17; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39; Eph. 4:32).

IDENTITY:

Father, assist these children in the finding of their identity in Jesus. You knew each child before they were born, and can speak more to who they are than the world can. Help them find out who they are and discover that they are created in your image. Free them from the world's labels and empower them to be everything you created them to be.

PROTECTION:

Father we ask for your divine protection for each child attending _____ school. We urgently ask that you would keep them from any harm. Protect them spiritually, bodily, and emotionally as you guide them safely and cover them under the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 91:1-2; 4:8, Is. 43:2)

DESIRE for LEARNING:

Lord, in your Word, you said to "apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge". Because of this we ask that you would give each student here at _____ school a real hunger to learn. Grant each child a teachable spirit and free them to exercise every ability for learning that you placed within them. Since you don't make mistakes, help each child to walk in the confidence that they can learn anything and everything that you want them to. It is but for the asking. (Prov. 23:12; James 1:5)

PARENTS:

Lord we pray for the parents of each student here at _____ school. We ask that you would grant them the love and wisdom that each child needs as they learn and grow in maturity. Father please help equip them with the inner strength and convictions that are needed to create and uphold healthy boundaries for these children. Grant them the vision to reach out to You and to others for refreshing and perspective. Give them peace and perseverance as they offer stability and love to their children.