



Lord, we commit this building and all the school grounds to you. Father, may those who enter this campus experience your love in profound and authentic ways. (John 13:35)

Lord, release truth in this school. Help students to rightly discern truth and not believe any false teachings. (Proverbs 23:23)

We ask for your blessings and protection over this campus. We pray it would be a place of great discovery, adventure, creativity, safety and wholeness. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love. A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued.

Amen.



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PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS

Lord, we commit to you the lives and welfare of every student who enters this building. We pray they will become aware of the spiritual gifts you have uniquely assigned to each of them, that they will value their gifts and not be envious of the gifts given to others, and that each student will use their gifts to benefit the entire community.

We pray students will have respect for the authorities you have placed over them and recognize all authority comes from you. Likewise, we pray you will fill the students' lives with trusted teachers and advisers who can lead them toward you and your promises.
(Romans 13:1-5)

Teach them to be kind and unselfish, and to love those who are different from themselves. May they consider their schoolwork an act of worship in that "whatever they do in word or deed, it all be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through Him." (Col 3:17)

Grant the Christian students wisdom and boldness in living out their faith, first by living and loving as Jesus did, and secondly with their words. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Father, we thank you for the Godly mothers, fathers and guardians you have gifted to our students. We ask that you bless them with the strength and power to cope with the pressures and demands of raising a child. Grant them wisdom to raise their children in an atmosphere of love, grace, patience, respect and discipline. Pour out on them patience and persistence in the face of the needs and problems of their children. Bless them with the things they need to carry out this rigorous and demanding responsibility. (2 Samuel 22:3; Psalm 18:1)

We ask for your favor on all parents and guardians as they work to keep you and your commands at the forefront of their families despite all the pressures of this world. We pray they will take an active role in their children's Spiritual lives, protecting time for weekly worship and putting you at the center of their homes. We pray for parents and guardians to be encouragers of their children by word and example.

We ask that you grant them good working relationships with the school staff, showing mutual respect and support for one another. (Ephesians 6:4)

We lift up all parents and guardians to you now and remind them that you are parenting alongside them—teaching, training and equipping them to handle every situation so long as they keep you at the center of their lives. They are never alone – they need only to speak your name and you will provide for them. We ask all this in your Holy and precious name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR TEACHERS, COACHES & DIRECTORS

Almighty God, we come to you today and give thanks for every person who leads our students. Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day, serving and instructing the next generation.

Father, please fill their hearts with **courage** by your mighty Spirit. Fill them with your **strength**, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary. Fill them with your **wisdom**, so they may be able to make good judgment when guiding and helping others. Fill them with your **peace**, so that when stress and anxiety come, they would not be overwhelmed. Fill them with your **joy**, so that the passion they have for their subject may become an infectious passion that spreads.

Father, please give these leaders your divine **wisdom**. Show them when they must discipline and when they can show mercy. Remind them that grace is typically most needed when it is least deserved. And above all, may they love and care for each student they lead. Show them how to serve as Christ serves, give as Christ gives, love as Christ loves.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PRINCIPAL, FACULTY & STAFF

Father, we thank you for the staff members of our schools who show our students what it means to lead with a servant's heart. We pray for your protection and blessing over them. We ask that you show them daily what an important role they play in our schools, often working behind the scenes to create an environment where our students' minds and hearts are open to learning and growing.

We specifically pray for anyone who is transporting our students, providing nourishment to our students, providing clean facilities, or caring for our students in a variety of other ways. Pour your blessings over them as they create an environment where learning is possible and comfortable.

We also pray that the principal & leaders will recognize the God-given responsibility they have in overseeing the best interests of our students, teachers and staff. May they walk in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth. May they lean on you for wisdom and discernment in every decision they make, knowing that you and your ways are always good, and you always work for the good of all your people. We pray for your protection over them and their families, and that their service would be appreciated and respected throughout the community. (Proverbs 2:1-11)

We ask all of this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR ADMINISTRATION / SCHOOL BOARD

Father, we lift up those who serve as part of our district administration and impact the operations of our entire school district. We pray for your guidance and direction to fill their days. We ask that they would not be overwhelmed with the tasks before them, but that they would be energized and impassioned by the lives they are impacting each and every day. We pray they would feel encouraged and supported by us, and that they would commit all they do to the Lord so their plans will succeed. (Proverbs 16:3)

We pray blessings on each school board member. Father, may your will be done at board meetings. May they work together for the good of their schools and community, and may they be filled with your wisdom, discernment, grace and guidance. May they have open minds and hearts to listen to one another and the needs of this school system, and may they lean on you for every decision they make. (Romans 13:1)

In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING OF EXTERIOR DOORS

Lord, we commit this building to you. Cover this building with the protection only you can give. We ask that you post one of your angels at every door so evil cannot enter, and all who pass through these doors will encounter your Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING

Father, we seek your favor on our community. Thank you, Father, that you will bring abundant peace, security and healing to our community. We ask you to shine your light into homes and restore families to wholeness. Lord, place a hedge of protection around the children and their families. Protect them from evil and command your angels to guard them in all their ways. Reign over our community with your righteousness and your goodness. May you be glorified this school year as never before. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.