

Resource Article

Seven Prayers for You

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These prayers are for you and the children and teens you teach and love. You can pray them for a single child or teen or for a group. You can say these prayers whenever you see your students, daily or weekly.

God is using you to make a difference in these young people's lives. As they grow to maturity, our prayer is that they will follow Jesus because you cared enough to show God's love in situations where love was hard or even humanly impossible.

Monday

Lord Jesus,

You know each student and each individual need. Please give me the wisdom I will need today to begin to meet those needs. May my attitudes and actions reflect Your heart today. Thank You for promising to be with me in every situation. When I encounter challenges, give me Your wisdom and guidance to respond in ways that honor You. In Your holy name, amen.

Tuesday

Heavenly Father,

You know me—my gifts, my limitations, and my weaknesses. May Your strength flow through me. I do not want to do anything in my own strength. Without Your help, I will fail. When I am weary or lose patience with a student, give me strength and understanding. I do not want any student You have put into my care to ever doubt that I want to be filled with Your love. I am here because I love my students, and, more importantly, because You love them and me. Thank You for calling me to minister to this student. In Jesus' name, amen.

Wednesday

Holy Father,

Help me to be faithful to You and You alone. I want this student to know that I am serious about following You. If I do anything that causes her to doubt, point it out to me and help me change. I know You have a special place in Your heart for the fatherless and the hurting. You feel their pain. Bring healing where it is needed. You know when one of Your children is feeling rejected. Use me to help her know that You, loving Father, will never reject her. You know the chaos in her past. Bring peace and security into this valuable life. Grant me the ability to love deeply, even when I do not find this student likeable. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thursday

Lord Jesus,

You always went ahead of Your disciples when You were on the earth. I pray that You will go ahead of me. Prepare the way before me this week. Help me remember that You are right there with me when things do not go exactly the way I plan. You have a bigger plan than I can see. You can even use my mistakes to bring glory to Yourself. Knowing this frees me to try new things as long as I depend strongly on You. Lord, give me the peace that comes from knowing You. I am doing this ministry because I believe this is exactly where You want me to serve. In Jesus' name, amen.

Friday

Our Father in heaven,

Thank You for this student, and thank You for allowing me to be a part of this young life. Thank You for the opportunity to care for so many life needs. I realize how different his life would be if it were not for this place. Let it be a place of safety and security. Let this place be filled with joy, laughter, and good fellowship. I pray for wisdom to care for this precious child. I want to care for him like You would if You were here in person. Let my caring hands be Yours. Let my voice speak Your words. Let my open ears listen attentively as he speaks, just like You do with me. Help me show love in ways that please You. May this young person continue to grow to be more and more like You. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Saturday

Merciful Father,

Watch over this student. There are so many situations and relationships that could bring harm to her. Protect her during study time. Protect her during playtime. Guide all her steps away from evil and toward wise choices. Bring people into her life, people who can rescue her and provide her with wise counsel. If she has hidden areas in life that need to be dealt with, let me gain her trust and listen and pray, even if I never know all the details. Give me skills that I do not naturally have so that I will know what to say and what to do. You are the great Physician. Let me be Your physician's assistant. In Jesus' name, amen.

Sunday

Faithful Father,

You know the future. You know the potential of every young life. I pray that this student's potential will be realized. Thank You for allowing me to play this part in his life. I realize You have trusted me with an awesome responsibility. On days when I am tired and discouraged and even think of giving up, remind me again of how much You love this young person. Thank You for the successes. They make me smile, and they keep me going. Thank You for the frustrations and difficulties, too. They keep me trusting in You. Without You, I could not do this ministry. With You, I play a part in changing a life. What joy! In Jesus' name, amen.