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7 Prayers
for Your Kid's
School Year



Being a parent is one of the most beautiful and terrifying things there is, and a new school year has a way of bringing all of it rushing to the surface - the excitement, the uncertainty, the emotions, the fears. These prayers were written by members of the Collide staff because we know the most powerful thing we can do for our kids is lay everything at the feet of the One who created them.

We share them with you as a gift for the morning drop-offs, the anxious evenings, and every moment in between where you find yourself whispering, "Lord, cover my child." We hope they help you find the words when you're not sure what to pray, and remind you that you are not alone.

XOXO,

The Collide Staff



A Prayer for Protection

Dear Lord, I ask that You wrap my child in Your arms of protection. I am so grateful that You have entrusted them to me, and yet, it is so hard to know I can't always keep them safe. Right now, I surrender all my fears to You and trust that You are always watching over them.

I ask that You protect their bodies from physical harm and their minds from darkness. Open their eyes to any dangers in their path and give them wisdom to turn in a different direction. Keep them far from those who would hurt them and draw them close to those who will love them and look out for their well-being. Help them make good choices that will benefit them now and well into the future.

Lord, just as You have given this sweet child to me, I offer them right back to You, laying down all of the worries that keep me up at night. I choose to trust that the same God who created them has a good plan for their life and will be faithful to carry it out to completion.

-Amen

A Prayer for Faith

Dear Lord, as we begin another school year, I come before you and ask for faith. Increase my faith to believe you love my child even more than I do. Increase my faith as I release them to influences outside of my home.

As they encounter both challenges and joys, please deepen my child's faith in You. Give them eyes to see you at work through the daily highs and lows, the exciting moments and the mundane. I pray that the situations they find themselves in will push them to seek You. And that when they seek you, they would find you in profound ways.

-Amen

A Prayer for Confidence

Dear Lord, I lift my child up to You, the one You created, love, and call Your own. I pray they would find their confidence in You and in who You made them to be. Help them not to find it in grades, sports, accomplishments, or friendships. Instead, help them find confidence in the unwavering truth that they are deeply loved by You exactly as they are.

This year, when they experience hard things that try to steal their confidence, I pray they would be so grounded in Your love that their hearts and self-esteem would be protected. Remind them that their worth is not determined by what they do, what others think, or whether they succeed or fail. Their worth comes from being Your child.

Thank You, Jesus, that You don't just say You love them. You proved it on the cross. Help them to live in that truth, rest in that love, and walk in the confidence that comes from knowing they belong to You.

-Amen

A Prayer for Learning

Dear Lord, Thank You that You are the knower of all things. Thank You for being a compassionate Teacher to me and to my children. As my child enters this school year, I pray that You would give them discernment to recognize what is from Your Spirit and what is from the world. May the truths of heaven take deep root in their heart and mind.

Bless them with a teachable spirit. May their eyes see what You want them to see, their ears hear both Your voice and the wisdom of others, and their heart remain open to learning and growing. I pray that the knowledge and wisdom that come from You would not simply stay with them but would shine through their words, actions, and relationships. May their life reflect Your love and positively impact those around them.

Thank You for loving my child even more than I do. I trust You with what You are teaching them, and I trust You with what You are teaching me. Help us both to follow You faithfully in this season. We love You, and we place this school year in Your hands.

-Amen

A Prayer for Teachers

Dear Lord, as a new school year begins, surround my children's teachers with Your strength and peace. Give them patience for every question, compassion for every student, and wisdom for every decision. Help them create spaces where students feel seen, valued, and encouraged.

Remind them that their work matters. Help them to see the immense influence they have not only in teaching lessons but in shaping confidence, character, and futures. May they never underestimate the impact of a kind word, a listening ear, or a moment of encouragement.

Thank You for all that they do, bless them in this new year.

-Amen

A Prayer for Friendships

Dear Lord, Thank You for my child and the incredible gift they are to me and to the world.

Please place the right people around them and give them friends who will encourage them, protect their heart, and lead them closer to You.

Help them to be the kind of friend to others who is supportive, kind, and encouraging. Teach them to cheer others on, to show up well in both joyful and difficult moments, and to seek wise counsel from trusted people when life feels hard. Give them courage to stand for what is right, and to speak up for friends who may not feel able to speak for themselves. Strengthen them to resist peer pressure, and let Your Holy Spirit gently guide their heart to discern what is good and true.

Help them to see the beauty in friendship without comparison or insecurity, but instead to celebrate the unique gifts, talents, and personalities of others. And above all, draw them into a deep and lasting friendship with Jesus -the One that anchors, guides, and carries them through every season of life.

-Amen

A Prayer for Kindness

Dear Lord, We thank You for Your goodness, for Your unending mercy and for the trust I have in You for my children's hearts. Lord, fill their hearts with a kind of love that only comes from You. Teach them to act in kindness to those around them instead of anger, annoyance, or frustration.

Lord, give my kids eyes to see those who need love most, whether it's on the playground, in the lunchroom, or simply in their classroom. We ask for bravery and confidence so they don't allow peer pressure to influence how they treat others, but rather are guided by Your love.

Lord, bring people into my children's lives who show them Your kindness, whether it is their friends, their teachers, or teammates; surround them with people who choose mercy, goodness, and love.

And lastly, Lord, please give me a heart of kindness for those around me. Help me lead by example. Help me show them what it looks like to choose kindness in the small, unseen moments of our lives, and may that teach them what it means to love like You.

-Amen

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