

Praying for Your Child's Teacher from Head to Toe

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A 30-Day Guide to Powerful and Effective Scriptural Prayer*

As we are contemplating Back to School—Back to Prayer, let's take a moment to pray Scripture over the men and women who will be teaching and influencing our children this year. We'll follow the same pattern as in Praying for Your Child from Head to Toe

The Mind

Heavenly Father, I pray for my child's teacher's mind, that they will love You completely—with heart, soul, and mind. I pray intellectual knowledge of You will lead to an emotional affection for You. I pray their thoughts won't be tangled up in troubles but calm in holy confidence. Help them trust that You are in control and have their best interest at heart. (Matthew 22:37; Isaiah 26:3)

The Eyes

Creator God, help my child's teacher to see You in creation, in other people, in Your Word, and in everyday circumstances. Give them clear vision to discern good and evil, light and darkness, right and wrong. I pray they will see each child as created by You and for You. Help them see beyond the outward appearance and behavior and into the potential that lies hidden beneath the surface. (Proverbs 20:12; Psalm 139:14)

The Ears

I pray for what and who my child's teacher listens to—that they will pay close attention to Your voice, knowing that the closer they listen, the more understanding You will give. I pray they will start each day with ears wide open! Help them to understand that listening to You will lead to the best life possible—more than they could ever imagine or hope for. I also pray that as they listen with their ears to the children in the classroom, they will also listen with their heart for the deeper meaning behind the words. (Mark 4:24; Isaiah 55:3)

The Mouth

I pray my child's teacher will use words to speak life to their students—that their words will be full of grace and seasoned with salt, so that they may know how to give everyone the best answer possible. When they become angry with a student, which they surely will, give them the power to respond with a gentle answer rather than harsh words. (Colossians 4:6; Proverbs 15:1)

The Neck

I pray for my child's teacher's decision that turn their head. Help them not make decisions based on what the world says is right or wrong, good or bad, acceptable or unacceptable, but based on what Scripture says is right or wrong, good or bad, acceptable or unacceptable. If they feel they don't know what decision to make in any situation, prompt them to ask You for wisdom. Thank You for promising to give wisdom to all who ask. (Romans 12:2; James 1:5)

The Shoulders

I pray for my child's teacher's burdens and worries. Help them to give all their anxiety to You, knowing that You care for them. When they are afraid of the future, whether it's personal or vocational, help them know that You go before them and will never leave them alone. Help my child's teacher know nothing is too hard for You to handle. (1 Peter 5:7; Genesis 18:14; Deuteronomy 31:8)

The Heart

I pray my child's teacher will love You with all their heart, soul, and mind. May everything and everyone else be a distant second compared to loving You. Lord, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and give them a peace that they can't even explain. I pray you will keep their heart from showing favoritism but seeing and treating each child as Yours. (Matthew 22:37; Philipians 4:7; James 2:1)

The Back

Father, I know our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, dark powers of this dark world, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Praise You that greater is Jesus in us than the evil that is in the world. Therefore, I proclaim that no weapon formed against my child's teacher and their classroom will succeed.

I pray the angel of the Lord will encamp around my child's teacher and classroom today. Hem them in as if sewn into Your garment. Protect them in the physical and spiritual realms. Defend them against any snares of the enemy that would attempt to trap, tempt, or trip them up along life's path. Deliver my child's teacher and their classroom from anyone or anything that could cause harm. (Ephesians 6:12; Isaiah 54:17; Psalm 34:7)

The Arms

I pray You will be my child's teacher's strength, song, and salvation. Give them strength for every struggle and the victory for every battle. I pray my child's teacher will not be afraid of or terrified by outside forces. Remind them that You, the ultimate force, are with them wherever they may go. I also pray they would enjoy good physical and mental health throughout the year. (Exodus 15:2; Deuteronomy 3:16; 3 John 2)

The Hands

Dear Lord, thank You for giving my child's teacher gifts and talents to lead their classroom. I pray You will bless their efforts and that they will give it all they've got, working as if it were for You alone. Help them to know what a big impact they are having on each and every child, and to remember that their labor is not in vain. They are making a difference. (Deuteronomy 33:11; Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

The Side

I pray my child's teacher will have Christian friends with whom to walk side-by-side throughout life. Give them teacher-friends who keep each other sharp, lift each other up, and spur each other on. (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 10:24)

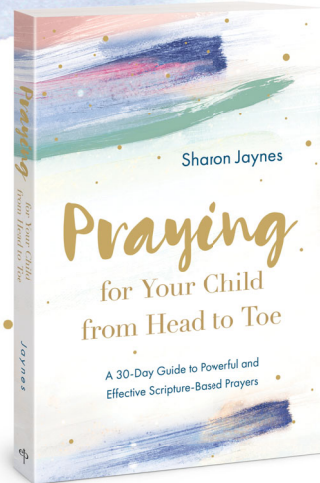
The Legs

Just as these three young friends, Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego, stood together against King Nebuchadnezzar and endured the fiery furnace, I pray my child's teacher will have other teachers who will stand with them in the truth. I pray they will stand firm in God's Word and not give into the pressure to conform to the current culture. (Daniel 3:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:15)

The Feet

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path (Psalm 119:105). For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end (Psalm 48:14). Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21).

Finally, eternal God, I pray You will guide my child's teacher every step of the way. Wherever they go, make them spiritually sensitive to Your voice saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Guide them to faithfully follow Your nudges and not be distracted by the world's bells and whistles. May Your Word be their road map and the Holy Spirit their guide. I pray all this in Jesus' name, amen. (Psalm 119:105; Psalm 48:14; Isaiah 30:21)



When you can't find the words to pray, pray the word of God.

In *Praying for Your Child from Head to Toe*, bestselling author Sharon Jaynes helps you use Scripture to pray powerfully and purposefully. This practical and encouraging book equips you to:

Pray specific Scriptures over each area of a child's life—from their mind and what they think about, to their eyes and what they look at, down to their feet and the path they take.

Overcome your feelings of inadequacy as an intercessor and become a prayer warrior who is expectant for what God will do.

This is a prayer guide you will use again and again, from birth to empty nest, as you confidently and effectively pray for God's protection and provision over the ones you love most.

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