

Prayer Calendar

February 2018

“We have been given our gifts to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Jesus, to maturity, to be like Christ.”

*“Teaching” comes from the Greek *didaskalia* which means, “to teach” “to instruct” “to clarify” “to elucidate” “to illuminate” “to simplify” and “to illustrate for the sake of communication and understanding.”*

This month we celebrate the ministry of teachers, especially the teachers in our Day School. Please pray for these beautiful Day School teachers and staff this month by name.

Thursday, February 1

Matthew 19:14 | ...but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

~ Lord God, we lift up your little children today; may they find goodness and grace in our arms.

Pray for: Wanda Walker, Day School Director

Friday, February 2

Proverbs 22:6 | Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

~ Holy One, thank you for our faithful teachers who devote themselves to teaching in love, and being examples of faith. Pray for Kathy Hatcher and Carol Luft, Assistant Director and Office Manager

Saturday, February 3

Luke 1:37 | For nothing will be impossible with God.

~ Lord, sometimes we are overwhelmed with our sacred task of teaching. Help us remember that you are our strength and all power comes from you. Pray for Beth McKenzie, Kindergarten

Sunday, February 4

Psalm 32:8 | I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

~ Lord God, your Holy Spirit is our true teacher and guide. Help us today to listen to that teaching and receive the blessing from it. Pray for Stacy Aden, Motor Teacher

Monday, February 5

Psalm 78:6 | ...that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children...and not forget the works of God.

~ God of All, you have given us a great sacred task – to teach our children so that they may know you. Help us be faithful to this calling. Pray for Jo Picken, Adventure Thursday

Tuesday, February 6

Matthew 28:20 | ...and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

~ Gracious Lord, our calling is to teach our children to obey your commandments of loving one another, loving God and loving neighbor. Show us the ways we can do that faithfully. Pray for Lisa Dinning, Pre-K Teacher

Wednesday, February 7

Exodus 18:20 |...teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do.

~ God of All, you charge us to teach your scriptures and how to live the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. Keep us encouraged so that even in the small ways we may reflect your love and grace. Pray for Bob Luft, Maintenance

Thursday, February 8

Colossians 3:16 |Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

~ Holy One, let the songs and music of our hearts be evident everyday so that others may know of our joy in being your disciples. Pray for Amanda Cook, Music and Discovery Teacher

Friday, February 9

James 1:5|If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

~ God of Grace, thank you for the wisdom you give to us to teach others. Help us remember that our wisdom comes from your gifts of grace to build up and encourage others. Pray for Kristine Strohmaier, Toddler Teacher

Saturday, February 10

Romans 12: 6,7|We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us....

~ Gracious God, you have given all of your children gifts of the Spirit. Help us remember that there are differing gifts that make up the Body of Christ and not all are the same or like us.

Pray for Tamra Butler, Young Ones Teacher

Sunday, February 11

John 14:26|...but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

~ Lord of Grace, we who teach must be taught first and keeping close to you through your Holy Spirit will give us what we need to know to teach in your name. Pray for Judy Keener, 2 Yr Old Teacher

Monday, February 12

Deuteronomy 4:9|But take care and watch ourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that our eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children...

~ Holy God, keep us mindful of what we have been taught through your Holy Spirit so that we may take the lessons of love and grace and teach our children generation after generation. This is our call and our purpose. Pray for Amanda Williamson, 3 Yr. Old Teacher

Tuesday, February 13

Titus 2:7, 8a|Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity and sound speech that cannot be censured...

~ Lord God, you have given us grave responsibility to teach others through words spoken and our actions. Help us each day to bear witness to your grace in our lives. Pray for Debbie Gervais, Adventure Aide

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Deuteronomy 32:2|May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on the grass, like showers on new growth.

~ God of All, the image of our teaching like rain offers such grace to all we encounter. Keep us mindful to be gentle spirits as we teach and lead young and old. Pray for Claudia Tangarife, Janitor

Thursday, February 15

I Corinthians 15:58|Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

~ Holy One, we are grateful that through your Holy Spirit we press forward every day in your power and your strength. Keep us mindful of this and to remember that every small thing we do in your name is worthwhile. Pray for Judy Thompson and Carol Creamer, Aides

Friday, February 16

Proverbs 11:25|A generous person will be enriched, and one who give, water will get water.

~ Lord God, our spirits are nourished and watered when we teach and live by faithful example of the faith you have given to us. Help us be generous with our time and energy so that others might be nourished in the faith. Pray for Angela Trahan, M/T/Th 3Yr Old Teacher, W Aide

Saturday, February 17

Romans 2:21a|...you, then, that teach others, will you not teach yourself?

~ God of Grace, it is good to remember that we need to practice what we teach and not judge others for what we do ourselves. Help us with this challenge! Pray for Anne Debord, 2Yr Old Teacher, M/ Aide

Sunday, February 18

Psalm 78:1|Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

~ Holy God, we know that you guide us when we get out of the way and truly listen to you. Guide our words with wisdom, truth and gentleness. Pray for Dorothy Hargrave and Priscilla Ogden, Aides

Monday, February 19

Proverbs 31:8|Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute.

~ Loving God, so many are oppressed and are unable to speak for themselves. Let us, teachers of the faith and practice be a voice for them today. Help us find ways to be a voice for justice.

Pray for Cindi Villarubia, Discovery Teacher and M/ Aide

Tuesday, February 20

2 Timothy 2:24, 25|And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness.

~ Loving God, keep us patient and gentle so that we might teach and love with sweetness and even-temperedness. You know how hard this is sometimes. Help. Pray for DeeDee Jones, Aide

Wednesday, February 21

Proverbs 3:5|Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

~ Gracious Lord, our trust is in you, yet sometimes we forget that we don't know all the answers and forget to depend on you for our understanding. Remind us, today, to trust you and only you. Pray for, Dana Whitworth, M/W Two's Teacher and T/Th Aide

Thursday, February 22

Colossians 1:28|It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

~ Lord Jesus, help us grow into spiritual maturity so that we might teach others what it means to be your disciple and love one another. Pray for Frances McDougal, M/T/Th Pre-K Teacher

Friday, February 23

Mark 6:46|After saying good-bye to them, Jesus went up onto a mountain to pray.

~ Jesus, You left everyone and went away to be alone with God to pray. Help me to want to find the time to get away alone with you to pray. Being alone restored you after being with people – I know this is what I need, why am I reluctant to do it? Pray for Julie Norman, M/W 2Yr Old Teacher

Saturday, February 24

3 John 1:2|Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.

~ Lord Jesus, thank you that your desire for us is that our bodies, minds and souls may be well and therefore we may extend that grace to others. Pray for Frances Traugott, Pre-K Teacher

Monday, February 25

3 John 1:3|I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth.

~ Dear Jesus, it is important that we testify to the truth of your goodness, mercy and forgiveness always and everywhere. As teachers and witnesses to your glory keep us faithful to your love. Pray for Terri Wheeler, T/Th Pre-K Teacher

Tuesday, February 26

I Thessalonians 1:2|We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Jesus, sometimes teaching your people is a labor of love, but we are grateful for each prayer of sustaining grace and strength that are given on our behalf. We will join those prayers for others who teach. Pray for Tracy Michaud, 3 Yr Old Teacher and T/Th Aide

Wednesday, February 27

Ephesians 1:16|I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

~ *Holy One, we are grateful that others pray for our teachers and know that teachers pray for their students. Help us remember to pray for one another. Pray for Kathy Cameron, Kindergarten Aide*

Thursday, February 28

2 Corinthians 3:2-3|You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all, and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of the human heart.

~ Holy God, keep us faithful and transparent witnesses to your love and goodness as we teach others in our ordinary and everyday lives. Pray for Debra Garrett, Adventure Teacher/Aide

This prayer calendar is designed to aid you in your daily life of prayer. All scripture comes from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

Read the scripture for the day over and over, out loud if possible. As you read, listen with an “ear of the heart” to a word or phrase that strikes you.

Reflect on that word or phrase asking yourself the question: “What is God saying to me through this word or phrase at this time?” Spend time in silence with this scripture mulling it over in your mind and heart.

Allow God to speak to you in the silence. Offer a prayer out of your reflection.

Thank God for whatever you received in the silence of your prayer and take that with you through your day.