

Prayer for Our Children

Dear Heavenly Father,

As schools begin to open for the new year, our hearts beat hard at the realization of the weight we carry in providing the very best education and training for the well being of our children, children we know and love, and ultimately, all children. Whatever our walk in life, may we pray earnestly for this young generation to first of all know You, know how to treat their neighbor, and know how to learn more about the gift You gave them before they were even born.

As individuals in the community and in our own family, please help us to serve with a heart like Yours as we fix lunches, clean floors, plan lessons, coach athletes, teach music, drive buses mow the grass, apply band aids, call parents, attend meetings, buy curriculum...and the list of tasks is virtually endless.

No matter what our title may be, give us the wisdom to know how best to listen to our children, watch over them, guide them, teach them, comfort them, encourage them, find the right help for them...and the list of care is ever changing.

Most of all, we ask that You send Holy Spirit to instruct us, so that we as individuals, as a church family, as individual families, as a community, will take the greatest care of the greatest gift You have given to us to care for and to guide - our children, the next generation. May we teach them through our actions and love for them that Jesus is the greatest teacher of all time, and loves them a whole lot, and will never ever abandon them, turn them away, or ridicule them.

Heavenly Father, help all of us, in some way, influence the lives of children all around us. May we draw near to You, and by doing so give the children who watch us the courage to draw closer and live stronger and shine brighter than we ever could.