



Praying for the Children You Teach

It may sound too simple to believe, but praying for your students and their families during the week can transform your ministry! If you're willing to take the plunge and make a consistent effort, you will discover that praying for those you teach will change your class from the inside out. Through prayer, you'll find new perspective, discover creative solutions to problems, and gain God-given insights into the lives of even the most difficult students you meet.

Try these practical ideas to increase your prayer focus for the students you teach:

PLAN TO PRAY REGULARLY

To be sure you are praying for each student at least one time during the week, add their names to individual days in your calendar app, or write the names on the pages of your planner or on your calendar.

PRAY TOGETHER

If you have a co-teacher or helper, spend time in prayer together whether in person or by phone, e-mail, or text message. Thank God for the children in your class. Ask for God's solutions to problems you are facing with particular students.

PRAY FOR FAMILIES

Every student comes from a family no matter what the dynamic! Don't forget to pray for the families of your students. Thank God for what He is doing in each family and ask Him to show you ways you can help with the family's spiritual growth.

POST A PRAYER LIST

Place a copy of your class roster on your refrigerator door, next to your computer, or in another place where you will see it often. Whenever your eye catches a name, thank God for that student and for the ways He is working in the student's life. Pray for a need that student has expressed.

PRAY ABOUT THE CHALLENGES

When you have difficulty with a student, write that student's name on a sticky note. Below the name, write a couple ways God might use that student in the future (full of energy=energy to serve the Church; verbal=future minister or teacher). Post the note where only you will see it. Whenever you see the note, thank God for that student's characteristics and for the ways He might use the student in the future!