

A Prayer for College Students

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 135:1-13, Daniel 1:1-17

Reflections of the Heart:

The benefits that a college education affords are priceless. It is a blessing for students to be able to attend college and afford a good education; so we praise God for all who pay the tuition of a college student.

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our college students. Thank You for providing the ability for them to learn and process information. Thank You for helping them with their studies and blessing them in the classroom. Thank You for blessing them with scholarships, financial aid and employment. Lord, we are grateful and we bless Your wonderful Name. Your majestic Name fills the earth. You have taught children and infants to tell of Your strength; You have silenced Your enemies and all who oppose You. Father, when we look at the night sky and see the work of Your fingers—the moon and the stars You have set in place—what are mere mortals that You should think about them, human beings that You should care for them? Your thoughts toward us are precious; they cannot be numbered!

Eternal Father, we confess Your Word over our college students as they pursue their education and over the persons who pay their tuition. We are expecting You to work effectually in them, creating within them the power and desire to study and complete their course work. We confess that favor will surround them and they will have good relationships with their teachers and fellow students. Lord, we confess that they will put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within them and will not defile themselves with the ways of the world through fornication, excessive drinking and illegal drug use, unclean behavior, ungodly passions, evil desire, covetousness, rebellion, and idolatry. Lord, we confess that those who are paying for tuition will have more than enough. We declare that their needs will be supplied from Your glorious riches which have been given to them in Christ Jesus. Like Jesus, we declare that our students are increasing in wisdom and stature and they have favor with You, their teachers, school administrators, and fellow students. We confess that they will stay focused on their studies as if they were working for You. Father, we declare that there will be an abundance of part-time employment opportunities for students needing work in order to pay their tuition and remain in school.

List the people you know who are continuing their education. Now begin to pray for their success academically and financially:

Holy Spirit, help our college students to remain focused and committed to their studies. Help them to not grow weary with the process, but to continue to study and apply themselves so that they may achieve their goals. Help them to balance their studies and family responsibilities. Show them, Holy Spirit, how to include down time in their busy schedules so they do not become burned out. Please open internship opportunities that will allow them to obtain hands-on experience in their respective career choices. Lord, please continue to open financial doors and reveal scholarships, grants, and other financial aid opportunities. Help our students in Christ to differentiate between Your truth and the world's facts. Please help them to be a light in their environment and not conform to the practices and activities of college life that are contrary to Your will for them. Strengthen and empower them with Your wisdom and power. Lord, protect our students and keep them healthy and their bodies strong. Protect them from meningitis, depression, STDs and other infirmities common in a dorm environment.

Wonderful Father, forgive those students who have not been diligent in their studies. Forgive them for not trusting You to provide all their needs. Forgive them for getting involved with people and activities that do not add value to their education. Please forgive them for all acts of sinfulness including: lack of faith, idolatry, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, homosexuality, drunkenness and revelries. Father, forgive those who pay tuition by trying to do everything by themselves instead of trusting You. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our students of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. **(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)**

Holy Spirit, help our students not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. Lord, You are King! You are robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Lord, Your throne has stood from time immemorial. You are from the everlasting past. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for Written Text: Psalm 8:1-4, Psalm 139:17, Psalm 5:12, Colossians 3:5, Philippians 4:19, Luke 2:52, Colossians 3:23, Galatians 6:9, Galatians 5:19-21, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 145:13, Psalm 93:1-2

Today, I will trust God to:

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