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# POWER-PACKED PRAYERS for Public Schools

**1. Love.** "Father, may the students and staff of this school experience Your love through the Christians they know in profound and authentic ways" (Jn. 13:35).

**2. Repentance of Christians.** "May the students and staff of this school who have been hurt by the careless or unkind words or deeds of Christians find healing and forgiveness through the repentance of Christians they know" (1 Cor. 10:32).

**3. Truth.** "Lord, release truth in this school. Help students to rightly discern truth and not believe false teachings" (Prov. 23:23).

**4. School board.** "I pray blessings on each school board member [try to pray for them by name]. Father, may Your will be done at board meetings" (Ro. 13:1).

**5. Principal.** "May [name of principal] recognize the God-given responsibility he/she has for the best interests of the children who attend the school. May [name of principal] walk in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth" (Prov. 2:1-11).

**6. Teachers who are not yet believers.** "Bring all the teachers in this school who do not yet know You into Your kingdom. Arrange divine appointments, that they may have a profound encounter with Your Word" (Ro. 5:8).

**7. Christian teachers.** "Grant wisdom, Lord, for the Christian teachers in this school as they seek to live out their faith. Help them be salt and light. Protect them from doubt and fear. Strengthen their faith by drawing them into Your Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers" (Heb. 10:25).

**8. Support staff.** "Father, may the social workers, psychologists, speech therapists, nurses, custodians, aides, and other professional support staff treat students with dignity and respect. May all their interventions be based on truth and not on human theories" (1 Cor. 1:19-21).

**9. Special education decisions.** "Lord, may those involved in making decisions for children with special learning and emotional needs make those decisions based on what is best for the child and according to what is right" (Is. 56:1).

**10. Rejected students.** "Lord, come alongside those children who feel rejected by their peers or teachers. Plant people in their lives who will love them unconditionally. In your

ostracize these children" (Is. 1:17).

**11. Failing students.** "Lord, I ask You to encourage those children who are struggling with their studies. Strengthen their minds. Help their teachers and parents know how to help them learn. Protect them from feelings of worthlessness and shame" (1 Thess. 5:14).

**12. Children of divorce, abuse, and neglect.** "Father of the fatherless, heal the children of this school whose homes and hearts are ravaged by divorce, abandonment, or domestic violence. Protect them from physical harm and emotional scars. Bring people to them who will pour Your healing Word into the broken places of their hearts" (Jas. 1:27).

**13. Children with emotional disturbance.** "God, work Your healing grace in the life of every emotionally disturbed child who attends this school. Protect them and others from the anger, hurt, and fear that ensnare them" (Mt. 15:22-28).

**14. Violence.** "Lord, stay the hand of violence against the children and staff of this school. Dismantle any plan to bring harm to them. Expose any weapon brought onto the school premises and render it harmless" (Ps. 34:7; 57:1).

**15. Suicide.** "God, stand against any suicidal thoughts, actions, and plans that would tempt the students or staff of this school to take their own lives. Comfort and speak truth to those who are in such despair that life doesn't seem worth living" (Is. 66:13; 2 Cor. 1:3).

**16. Forces of evil.** "In the name of Jesus, I pray that all spiritual forces that would deceive the minds of the children and staff of this school into practicing any form of witchcraft or divination would be rendered powerless" (Is. 8:19-20; Mic. 5:12).

**17. Evolution.** "Father God, may the children of this school come to know You as their Creator. May the teachers and curriculum tell them the truth about the origin of the universe" (Gen. 1:1; Ps. 14:1).

**18. Christian programs.** "Father, I pray for abundant blessings on programs that bring Christ into this public school. Help the groups who sponsor such programs function according to Your Word and in harmony with each other. Bless the leaders and bring forth new and growing believers" (1 Cor. 12:12-13).

**19. Christian students.** "Grant the Christian students who attend this school wisdom and boldness in living out their faith. Help them share effectively the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with their classmates" (1 Tim. 4:12).

**20. A chosen generation.** "Father, may your kingdom come. From the students at this school, raise up a generation of people who worship You in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:23-24; 1 Pet. 2:9).

**21. An open door.** "Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus" (Mt. 7:7; 1 Cor. 16:9).

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