

## *Mostly Personal ... Prayer*

Loved ones,  
Remember what Dick Eastman said; "Some things happen when I pray that do not happen if I do not pray. Therefore if I do not pray, then something in my life or the lives of those I love goes undone." With that in mind, let's be diligent to pray for our children!

### **Thirty Days of Prayer for our Schools, Students, and Teachers**

#### **15. Sunday, August 17**

Father in Heaven, we intercede today for every family represented in our schools. We realize that no matter how good a school may be, individual homes also need to be covered in prayer. We pray that homes would be free of all abuse and violence - that absent fathers would either return home or make arrangements to provide that which is lacking in their families. Help each home to find a strong Bible-believing church that enriches the family by the presence of The Lord. We ask all this in Jesus' Name, Amen!

#### **16. Monday, August 18**

Father, so much is said about the separation of church and state, but we ask you to let your Holy Spirit fall now upon teachers, students, principals, and all school board members and all school district personnel. Cause a network of small groups, Bible Study, and prayer groups to spring up that will accomplish the work of God in our communities. Come Holy Spirit and teach us about sin, righteousness, and judgment, in Jesus' Name, Amen!

#### **17. Tuesday, August 19**

Nehemiah reminds us that "the joy of The Lord is our strength." Since we know this is true, we ask for joy to settle upon teachers and students alike. May the joy of learning be rediscovered by our children, and may workers and teachers find joyful fulfillment in their jobs. Replace fatigue, frustration, and depression with your abounding joy! We ask this in the strong Name of Jesus! Amen!

#### **18. Wednesday, August 20**

O Lord, we pray for our Bus Drivers and Crossing Guards to be covered by Your power and presence so that children are safe and secure as they travel to and from their schools. Give these special folks a sense of your covering and give them keen, watchful eyes to make our school zones safe. Bless drivers not only on daily routes but also during field trips and athletic events. We ask this in Jesus Name, Amen!

#### **19. Thursday, August 21**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the fun of sports and the formative role they play in our schools. Use these events to build character and respect in our children. Do not let the children get caught up in elitism and competitive attitudes that are unhealthy. Keep pride and idolatry far from these fields of play. Keep all participants safe and healthy, in Jesus Name we pray, Amen!

#### **20. Friday, August 22**

Father, today we repent over our actions that have shut down prayer and the reading of your Word in our public schools. Forgive us as a nation for thinking that You have no place in our educational forums. Forgive our drift away from the Judeo-Christian principles that established our nation. May we humble ourselves, and pray until your influence is felt and welcomed once again in our schools. Prevent hostile philosophies from gaining footholds in our children. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen!

#### **21. Saturday, August 23**

We ask for administrators to be given wisdom to do what is right. It is so easy in political situations to bow to the pressure of lobbyists and special interest groups instead of doing what is truly right, just, and fair. The fear of lawsuits and the displeasure of people has often led our administrators to make unwise decisions. We pray for these men and women to be discerning, wise, and strong decision makers. May they be like the Men of Issachar who "understood the times, and knew what to do." We ask for this to be done in Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen!

I love you,  
*Pastor Stephen*