

## Back to School Prayers for Our Kids

**PRAYER #1:** Lead us to be a friend to someone who needs one.

- **Doorpost Song: “Love One Another”**
- **Theme:** We show the love of Jesus by the way we treat each other.
- **John 13:35** – By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

**PRAYER #2:** Show us how to be helpers, cooperative, and display the fruits of the Spirit to others.

- **Doorpost Song: “New Creation”**
- **Theme:** When we believe in Christ, we become a new creation. We put away our old sinful nature and God creates something new inside us
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- **Galatians 5:22-23** – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**PRAYER #3:** Give us faith to trust God when we’re discouraged, sad, or missing home.

- **Doorpost Songs: “Lift Your Head” & “Trust In You”**
- **Theme:** God is always with us and goes before us. He is a shield around us.
- **Deuteronomy 31:8** – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
- **Psalms 3:3** – But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
- **Psalms 46:1** – God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**PRAYER #4:** Help us have self-control over words, actions, and thoughts.

- **Doorpost Song: “Hidden Your Word”**
- **Theme:** Hiding God’s word in our hearts helps us live in a way that pleases and honors God.
- **Psalms 119:11** - I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- **Psalms 19:14** – May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
- **Proverbs 15:1** – A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**PRAYER #5:** Help us forgive when others hurt us and ask an adult for help to set things right.

- **Doorpost Song: “God So Loved”**
- **Theme:** When we follow the example of Christ, we can forgive others.
- **John 3:16** - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- **Ephesians 4:32** – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- **Colossians 3:12-13** - Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

**PRAYER #6:** Remind us to give praise to God and look for things to be thankful for.

- **Doorpost Song: “Remember (1000 Generations)”**
- **Theme:** We’re thankful when we remember everything God has done, and that His promises last forever.
- **1 Chronicles 16:12, 15** – Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced...He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** - Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

**PRAYER #7:** Help us remember that we are loved and precious to God, and He leads us to good things.

- **Doorpost Songs: “Wonderful” & “Goodness and Mercy”**
- **Theme:** God made us. Each of us is one of His wonderful works. Because He loves us, He gives us good things.
- **Psalms 139:14** - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- **Psalms 23:6a** - Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.